Dear {%%First%%}:

Your RaceClean surcharges have funded 83 tests at the amateur level so far this year - that’s more than triple what RaceClean had funded by this time last year.

As we outlined in our first update, improving anti-doping efforts in the US is achieved by multiple groups working together, and RaceClean is just one part of the effort aimed specifically at grassroots testing. USADA also tests many different levels of the sport, and you may be interested to know that USADA conducted 39 tests at Masters Road Nationals last month. When combined with our RaceClean numbers - that’s 61 amateur athletes tested in the month of May!

One mechanism that USA Cycling is using to help guide its anti-doping efforts is the newly created anti-doping committee. Its objectives are determining the optimal level of testing to cost effectively create a credible deterrent, recommending what other actions USA Cycling can take to reduce doping (e.g., education), and evaluating the effectiveness of USA Cycling’s anti-doping efforts over time.

Just after launching this committee, we made a change to its composition to ensure that the
committee’s focus remains on the aforementioned objectives. You can read more about our decision here. The anti-doping committee will start meeting this month.

You may be surprised to learn that one of the most powerful ways USADA can identify those not playing by the rules is through its PlayClean Tip Line. A great example of its use can be found in this VeloNews article from this month. It's the story of how a doper was identified by USADA thanks to credible information provided by a member of our racing community –Please do report any information you have on doping activity – it’s the most effective way USADA can determine who, when, and where to test. All tips are anonymous. If you don't have a tip but want to make a difference right now, consider a RaceClean donation to help us increase the number of tests we can conduct.

That's all for this month. For more information please visit the RaceClean webpage. If you have any questions or if there’s anything specific you want to hear about in a future report, don’t hesitate to contact me at jwhiteman@usacycling.org!

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