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Drug-Free Action Alliance Takes Position On Retaining 21 As The Minimum Legal Drinking Age

(Columbus, OH) – Drug-Free Action Alliance today released a position paper supporting the current 21 Minimum Legal Drinking Age Law. This position was taken after a long and extensive review of the science and research surrounding the law which clearly demonstrates that it helps to protect the health, safety and well-being of our youth.

“Research has shown that not only are lives saved and alcohol-related injuries reduced, but also that youth ages 18 to 21 consume less alcohol when the minimum drinking age is 21,” said Patricia Harmon, Executive Director of Drug-Free Action Alliance. “The Minimum Legal Drinking Age laws are the most studied and successful alcohol-related laws on the books.”

Alcohol is the number one youth drug problem in America and more young people die from alcohol-related causes than from all other illicit drugs combined; more than 5,000 per year.

Drug-Free Action Alliance is a not-for-profit organization that oversees the Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High-Risk Drinking. Forty-five Ohio colleges and universities are part of the initiative that work to change the alcohol-related culture on campuses and provide an environment to help influence the decisions that students make about alcohol use.

Other Drug-Free Action Alliance programs include Know!, “Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking”, and the Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration.

The position paper and more information related to retaining 21 as the minimum legal drinking age can be accessed at: www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org.

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Red Ribbon Celebration

College Initiative to Reduce
High Risk Drinking

Ohio Resource Network
Clearinghouse

Statewide Prevention
Coalition Association

Parents Who Host, Lose The Most:
Don't be a party to teenage drinking

Ohio Center for
Coalition Excellence

Know!

Youth Philanthropy
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