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SUBJECT:

YOUTH CAMP SAFETY ACT

Does the President support S.422, the Youth Camp Safety Act, which is to provide for better safety in youth camps throughout the United States?

GUIDANCE: The President certainly agrees with the thrust of this legislation, but feels it should be the responsibility of the states and not of the Federal government.

However, HEW is moving to render regulations and technical assistance and consultative services to the states in an effort to assist them in this matter.

In addition, HEW is now developing model state regulations and legislation and will encourage their adoption by the states.

FYI: Many states have very good youth safety legislation already on the books, while others do not. Many of the states also do not want the Federal government to be involved in this area and that coincides with our thinking. END FYI.

JGC