

## January 18, 2008 - National Drug Intelligence Center Dear Colleague

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Murtha released the following "Dear Colleague" letter to members of the House of Representatives regarding the National Drug Intelligence Center:

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I want to bring to your attention some of the recent accomplishments and highlights from the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC), located in Johnstown, PA. Their crucial work within the drug intelligence community continues to play a significant role across the country.

- NDIC was presented with the National Marijuana Eradication Award on January 17, 2008 by the Director of the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

NDIC briefed the White House's National Security Council on January 16, 2008 regarding their Money Laundering Project and the 2008 National Drug Threat Assessment.

NDIC attended a White House Press Conference on December 11, 2007 with the Office of National Drug Control Policy in recognition of the five year anniversary of the campaign to Reduce Drug Abuse and NDIC's contribution to the campaign.

NDIC released their Methadone Diversion, Abuse, and Misuse: Deaths Increasing at Alarming Rate assessment in December 2007. This assessment alerted policy makers and law enforcement officials of a trend in deaths resulting from methadone abuse. The story received national media coverage and NDIC has been invited to brief the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine on January 28, 2008 as a result of this report.

NDIC was acknowledged in a November 28, 2007 Department of Justice Press Release for providing key support to the FBI's newly created National Gang Intelligence Center.

NDIC provided key assistance to U.S. Army-IRAQ in conviction of Lieutenant Colonel William Steele in October 2007. NDIC provided Document Exploitation unit support and analysis of seized evidence during the investigation of unauthorized possession, storage, and marketing of classified materials.

NDIC playing a key role in "Operation Raw Deal," the largest steroid enforcement action in U.S. history, September 2007.

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