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The National Council to Repeal the Draft is launching a serious effort to end the President's induction power in June 1972, one year ahead of its present expiration date. Only with your involvement and your help can we hope to succeed.

Members of Congress are particularly vulnerable to public opinion in this, an election year. The fact that the draft is not being used gives us a simple and impressive argument for repeal. The fraud perpetrated upon Congress and the people--when the Pentagon and White House insisted in September that the security of the Republic was in jeopardy because the draft was in abeyance--is now clear for all to see.

We expect an amendment to be introduced to the Military Procurement Bill ending the President's induction authority in June. The likelihood of a vote on that amendment depends upon the support all of us are able to build, both across the country and in Washington.

The action you generate can also make draft repeal an issue in Presidential\* and Congressional campaigns in preparation for a 1973 fight if that is necessary. The enclosed newsletter, containing reports on the NCRD Conference and Council Meeting, provides important additional detail.

You will note the \$30,000 budget to implement the ten-month drive from now to the elections. Nancy Long and Jerry Shenk form an excellent NCRD team with a third member expected soon.

At this point you are the very important person and you financial support the all important ingredient in our effort. So much depends now upon you and your response to this appeal.

Sincerely,

Sen. Ernest Gruening

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\*Among the Congressional candidates for the Presidency, only Chisholm, Hartke, and McGovern voted consistently against the draft last year