

September 20, 2004

The Honorable Howard Coble  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Crime,  
Terrorism and Homeland Security  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

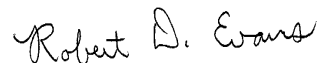
Dear Chairman Coble:

I understand the Subcommittee soon will be marking up H.R. 4547, legislation that seeks to protect vulnerable persons from drug trafficking.

On July 26, I wrote to you expressing the American Bar Association's concerns with H.R. 4547, in particular provisions that create new, or increase existing, mandatory minimum sentences. We continue to have these concerns with the legislation, and for your convenience I enclose a copy of my earlier letter to you and your colleagues.

Thank you for considering the views of the American Bar Association on this measure.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Evans

cc: Members of the Subcommittee