

Mr. Lorne Michaels
Saturday Night Live
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112

Dear Mr. Michaels,

The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids works with thousands of families that have lost a loved one to a drug overdose, and we have no interest in laughing at their expense. As countless families struggle with opioid addiction, last Saturday's "Heroin AM" skit on Saturday Night Live was not only in poor taste, but an insensitive reaction to the real pain and suffering caused by this epidemic.

However the joke may have been intended, the suffering experienced by families touched by addiction is no laughing matter. Fueled by the rise in prescription drug abuse and heroin, 129 people die every day from a drug overdose. That is eight times the size of the entire cast of SNL dying each and every day.

At a time when we are losing more Americans to drug overdoses than to car accidents, we don't need parodies, we need solutions and resources. We need influencers like you, who have worked side by side with people affected by addiction, to join us in insisting that attention be paid, and resources devoted to preventing and healing this disease.

We welcome your support in helping us address this crisis and ask that you acknowledge the personal toll that drug abuse, specifically the opioid epidemic, has had on families across America.

Thank you,



Marcia Lee Taylor
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Partnership for Drug-Free Kids