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Dear A.F.A. Member or Friend:

I believe most of the members will agree that the American Freedom Association has, over the years, made a considerable contribution toward educating the public to the belief that world peace can only be obtained through enforceable world law. The High School World Peace Study and Speaking Program with its chartered bus trip to the United Nations has done a marvelous job of educating kids; the World Affairs Institutes at Blue Ridge have been extremely interesting and informative for members and friends, but very little is being done for the college students.

The officers and Board of Directors are not satisfied that enough is being done, but our hands are tied. We desperately want to expand, but cannot without additional funds. In fact, we need $500 to $1000 more per year to maintain the present type of programs.

For many years the A.F.A. has been operating at a loss and finally pays its bills by the sacrifice and generosity of a very few dedicated members. Every year the treasurer borrows money from a bank on his own name just to meet operating expenses. This is not a healthy situation and cannot be continued much longer.

You have, from time to time, been given an opportunity to make contributions, in addition to the $5 membership fee, but we probably didn't explain our needs as carefully as we should. Several foundations have been approached without success.

The Board has accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation to put on an every member canvass by asking all members and friends to pledge as much as they can on a continuing basis with the clear understanding that the pledge may be changed or cancelled at any time by a letter to the Executive Secretary. A minimum of $5 per month is suggested, and a quarterly bill of $15 will be mailed to you. Many can do more, but any amount will help. All contributions, as you know, are tax deductible.

A canvasser will probably visit you personally in the next few weeks and leave this letter and other material with you. If this letter comes to you through the mail, please be generous when filling out the enclosed pledge card and return it promptly to the Executive Secretary.

Congratulations and thanks are certainly in order for the few dedicated anonymous individuals who have done so much for so long. It's time for the rest of us to pitch in!

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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