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Dear Beatrice Sparks,

I stumbled upon your book Go Ask Alice when I was just an eighth grader. I quickly found that I could relate to this book very well. Not because I myself have gone through what the girl in your book has but because my sister did. Similar in many ways to the anonymous girl in Go Ask Alice, my sister Sam was very insecure and always felt as if she had no one she could talk to, not even her own family. Growing up Sam went through many friends: popular ones, nerdy ones, goody-two-shoe ones, mean ones, the list goes on. When asked why she never kept her friends very long her response was, "They don't understand me." Unfortunately after a while Sam discovered the druggies. As she began her descent into this dark void, drugs became her entire world. She no longer wanted to go to college to achieve her dream of being a counselor, live in beautiful Alabama, or get married. All she wanted, all she thought about, was her next high. She thrived on the fact that while she was high she could escape from reality, have no responsibilities, and every-so-often connect to people. Like the girl in the book, my sister has also been to rehab, several times in fact. Sadly she still hasn't recovered. Whenever life gets the slightest bit tough she is gone again and I am so very scared that my sister is going to end up just like the girl did at the end of your book, dead.

I have read several stories about drugs to try to learn more about what my sister is going through but none have done it quite like you. You were able to tell a story, not about drugs but about a girls experience with drugs. It helped me understand what addiction is like and it really changed my point of view on the matter. I know now that it was my sister's choice to get involved in this kind of life and continue to do so, and nothing I do will ever change that. Your writing influenced me to be a better person and learn how to accept the unfortunate moments in life. I was tremendously upset that the girl in the book overdosed and died but after reading this I vowed to myself and my family that I will never, ever touch drugs in my life. I am so thankful that you took time to write this book because I know that if it helped me, it has helped hundreds of people around the world.

With Admiration,

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