**I Speak For the People by Donte Clark and Deandre Evans**

I speak for the people

For that one kid out of every four with pre-diabetes

And half of them in five years

Have a greater chance to be hit on with full-blown

Between the ages of 12 and 19

I mean what’s really going on?

I speak for the people

The unknowns

The ones who haven’t have a shot or a check up

In five years

Can’t pay that doctor’s bill with no medical

Health care go unchecked so we fall behind schedule

Not to scare but

For those who are unaware

I’m just telling you

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These lies they advertise

It’s package well like a poison they’ll sell you

So for the people I speak

On behalf of those whose blocks are ridden with corner stores

No variety like Trader Joe’s to eat

Just fats and sweets

So for people I speak

I represent for those ghetto children

Compact in projects building

Low-income, living on Section 8

Chances now increased by 20%

Cuz of the money we don’t make

My people are poor

We don’t have money, so we buy what we can afford

And that’s rotting us to the core

We think health is expensive

And being unhealthy is cheap

So sip on Gatorade and drink Orange Crush soda

Cuz the prices are nice for us

Stores around us don’t go green they just pocket ours instead

Doping up the youth with the white devil that’s eating away at our head

Browns and blacks under attack

Fighting hard to beat the stats

From crack, violence, and snacks

I’m just stating the facts

My city been on the map

Been known for when them guns will clap

Bones will snap

Or your brains exposed when your skulls get cracked

Or your conscious collapse

From a whiff of that crack

Now answer that

Tahitian treats and tampicos is causing strokes and heart attacks

Something gotta give in order to get back

And that’s real

So this year

The new idea on the bills is soda tax

They figure that by raising the prices to ignite the awareness

Will decrease the amputation of our population

The weight of our nation

The vision impairment

Invest the money back into the youth

Who are blinded to the truth

Cuz these so-called leaders been scaring us and not preparing us

So for the people, I speak

For those who could benefit from better food sources placed in their neighborhoods

I speak

For those who are too afraid to exercise their options

I speak

For those who don’t have a car

Cuz walking, and busing, and BARTing is too far

I speak for those of us who are not equipped enough to tend to our own yards

And make gardens

I speak

For those who weren’t taught by their parents

Because they weren’t taught by their parents

And it’s been passed down for generation and generations

I speak for the youth no matter where you at

This ain’t about a Yes or No on a damn vote

This is for those who don’t even know about the soda tax

We gotta sacrifice for what’s right

And if you gotta spend 10 extra pennies on a diet coke or a sugary spike

Then that’s just what it is

Look

I just want my people to live

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So give