

November 2, 2023

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Chairman, Senate Committee
on Health, Education Labor and Pensions
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
Ranking Member, Senate Committee
on Health, Education Labor and Pensions
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member, Senate Finance Committee
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Sanders, Ranking Member Cassidy, Chairman Wyden, and Ranking Member Crapo,

We, the below signed stakeholders, represent a wide range of organizations deeply involved in, and committed to, increasing access to high-quality addiction care for all who need it in this country. We sincerely thank you for the steps you have taken thus far toward this objective, but more needs to be done. Today, we humbly request that your committees bring forward the reauthorization of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention That Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act; P.L. 115-271) as soon as possible.

Our nation's addiction and overdose crisis continues to spiral out of control. Record numbers of Americans are dying from overdoses, largely driven by illicitly manufactured fentanyl, but complicated by other substances, like xylazine and methamphetamine.¹ This seemingly unstoppable trend, however, will not abate without using every tool in our toolbox. Enactment of the SUPPORT Act five years ago was a collective triumph, but it has sadly been allowed to lapse. It is estimated that more than 112,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the U.S. in the 12-month period ending May 2023 — there is no time to spare.²

The SUPPORT Act must not only be reauthorized, but also expanded to include bipartisan policies that increase access to medications for treatment of opioid use disorder. By expanding the SUPPORT Act reauthorization, Congress can remove barriers to lifesaving treatment for Americans at greatest risk of fatal overdose, including individuals who are incarcerated and those exposed to fentanyl. Failing to do so forfeits one of the few opportunities your committees have this Congress to pass new and necessary approaches to the overdose crisis.

In July, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved a new, but measured SUPPORT Act reauthorization bill that has important provisions. However, it warrants your immediate attention and further strengthening. We urge the Senate Committee on Health, Education Labor and Pensions and Senate Finance Committee to work together to reauthorize and reinvigorate the SUPPORT Act this November.

Sincerely,

American Society of Addiction Medicine

Overdose Prevention Initiative

A New PATH

Academy of General Dentistry

Acenda Integrated Health

Addiction Care of Excellence

AIDS Foundation Chicago

Alabama Society of Addiction Medicine

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American Academy of Pediatrics

American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists

American Association on Health and Disability

American College of Clinical Pharmacy

American College of Emergency Physicians

American College of Medical Toxicology

American Mental Health Counselors Association

American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine

American Psychological Association Services

AMERSA, Inc.

Anonymity VA

Anxiety and Depression Association of America

Any Positive Change Inc.

Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

ART Of Coaching, Inc.

Asana Recovery

Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

Association of Persons Affected by Addiction

Astron Legal Nurse Consulting

Beacon of Hope Champions Ministries, LLC

Begin Anew Recovery

Behavioral Health Foundation

Behavioral Health Network

BHABrehab.com

Bicycle Health

Big Blue Eye Consulting, LLC

Big Cities Health Coalition

Boston Medical Center

Boulder Care

Braeburn, Inc.

Broken No More

Care Plus NJ

CaringWorks, Inc.

Catholic Charities

Center for Addiction Treatment

Center for Housing & Health

Center Point, Inc.

CenterPointe

Central City Concern

Central Minnesota Mental Health Center

Central Plains Center

CleanSlate Outpatient Addiction Medicine

Clinical Consultants of Boston

Colorado Hospital Association

Colorado Society of Addiction Medicine

CommuniCare, Inc.
Community Catalyst
Community Counseling Center
Community Counseling Center of Mercer County
Community Health Action of Staten Island
Community in Crisis
Community Reach Center
Community Recovery Alliance
Conifer Park and Liberty Behavioral Management Group
Connections Health Solutions
COPE Network
Cornerstone Montgomery
Cornerstone Southern Maryland
Crisis and Counseling Centers, Inc.
CRS Recovery
Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance
DePaul Community Services
Detroit Recovery Project
Door to Serenity
Drug & Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania
Edwin C. Chapman MD PC
Elevant Health
Elizabeth Rose Olsen Foundation Inc
ENVIVE Solutions
Esther Residence, Inc
Even Keel Health & Adolescent Health Center
Family and Children's Association (FCA)
Flagler Open Arms Recovery Services
Flint Odyssey House, Inc

Footprints, Inc.
Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions
FourLifers Incorporated
Franklin County House of Corrections
Fresno New Connections, Inc
Gateway Foundation, Inc.
Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network
Grayken Center for Addiction at Boston Medical Center, Boston University
Group Six Partners, LLC
Gulf Coast Health Center Inc
Harbor Point Therapy, PLLC
Harlem United
Harm Reduction Action Center
Harvest Healing Foundation, Inc.
Hawai'i Opioid & Consumer Alliance
Haymarket Center
Health Policy Network LLC
HealthRIGHT 360
Henry Edwards
HIV Alliance
Hope and Wellness Resources
Hope House Treatment Centers
IC&RC
Illinois Society of Addiction Medicine
IMPOWER
Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
Integrity House
International Society for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses
Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition

Iowa Mental Health Advocacy
Johnson County Mental Health Center
Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition
Kentucky Society of Addiction Medicine
Lake Charles Addiction and Wellness
Lakeshore Foundation
LDC Wellbeing
Leading By Example LLC
Lissa Franklin and Associates
Little River Medical Center
Live Rite Structured Recovery Corp
LMGCA
Louisiana Society of Addiction Medicine
Magnolia Center, Inc.
Mandolin Foundation
Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association
Massage Kneads
Mat-Su Health Foundation
McClendon Center
MDRS
Mental Health & Inclusion Ministries
Mental Health America
Mental Health America of Licking County
Mental Health Recovery Board Clark, Greene, Madison Counties
Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction
Minot Area Recovery Community Organization
Missouri Behavioral Health Council
Mobilize Recovery
Mogollon Treatment Center

Monarch

Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Inc.

National Association for Behavioral Health

National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors

National Alliance on Mental Illness

National Alliance on Mental Illness Queens/Nassau

National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers

National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

National Council for Mental Wellbeing

National Harm Reduction Coalition

National Healthcare for the Homeless Council

National Safety Council

National Survivors Union/New England Drug Users Union/Never Use Alone/ Massachusetts Overdose Prevention Helpline

NCADD Maryland

Netsmart

Never Use Alone, Inc.

New Jersey Association of Mental Health & Addiction Agencies, Inc.

New Start

Nurse's Court, LLC

Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc.

Odyssey House New York

Open Sky Community Services, Inc.

Ophelia Health, Inc.

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Overdose Crisis Response Fund

Partnership to End Addiction

Peer 360 Recovery Alliance
People Engaged In Recovery
Perry Wellness Center
PHAM
Pivot Solutions LLC
Plains Area Mental, Inc.
Podesta Wellness
Powell Recovery Center, Inc.
President, Connecticut Chapter of American Society of Addiction Medicine
The Meyers Group
Public Justice Center
Putnam County Medical Mission
Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.
Reboot Jackson
Recovery Advocates in Livingston, Inc,
Recovery Alliance
Recovery Centers of Arkansas--Oasis Renewal Center
Recycled Books INC
Red Rock Behavioral Health Services
ReDiscover
Relatives Against Purdue Pharma (RAPP)
RI International
Rincon Family Services
Rio Salado Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.
Rural AIDS Action Network
Sabater Laboratory for Psychological Innovations Inc AND The SabaterLAB Foundation
Samaritan Daytop Village, Inc
San Francisco Drug Users Union
Sarita Lynne Ministries

Sea Change Recovery Community Org
Serna Solutions LLC
Setbacks to Comebacks
Shatterproof
Shawnee Health
SHE RECOVERS Foundation
Simmons University
Smart Approaches to Marijuana
SMART Recovery
South Jersey AIDS Alliance
South Texas Patient Advocacy
Southeast Florida Recovery Advocates, Inc
Southwest Network
Stanford Sierra Youth & Families
State Health Partners
STEP Mation, inc.
Substance Abuse Prevention Team of Essex County, Inc.
Summit Recovery Hub
Sycamores
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities
TCAM MS LLC
The Center for Great Expectations
The Clinic, Enid, Oklahoma
The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County, Inc
The Family Focused Treatment Association
The Happier Life Project
The Kennedy Forum
The McShin Foundation
The Never Alone Clubhouse

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Provider

The Porchlight Collective SAP

The Purpose of Recovery

Tennessee Hospital Association

The WrightTime4Change

Third Horizon Strategies

Today I Matter, Inc

Total Family Care Coalition

Treatment Communities of America

Trilogy, Inc.

True Nature Recovery Counseling

Turning Point Community Programs

University of Minnesota-Broadway Family Medicine Clinic/North Memorial Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program

USARA

Venango Training & Development Cener, Inc.

Vesta, Inc.

VIP Community Services, Inc.

Virginia State Chapter of American Society of Addiction Medicine

Voices of Hope - Lexington, Inc.

Voices of Hope, Inc.

Voices of Recovery San Mateo County

Volunteers of America, Utah

Vstar Behavioral Health Services PLLC

Wabash Valley Recovery Center

Warren Family Recovery

Wellbeing Initiative, Inc.

WellPower

WestCare Foundation, Inc.

WestCare Gulf Coast Region

Westside Family Health Center

Whitlock Consulting

Why Us Kids?

Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc.

Will Work for Recovery

Woodland Centers

Woodlock and Associates

Workit Health

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

Young People in Recovery

YourPath Care, PLLC

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