

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

Aletheia House

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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.

Our2sons

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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