

June 18, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

We the undersigned, representing a number of major groups across all disciplines working on a comprehensive response to addiction, write to express our support for the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 63,600 Americans died of a drug overdose in 2016, a staggering 21 percent increase from 2015. With 174 Americans dying from drug overdose each day, there is no doubt the drug epidemic is an urgent and serious crisis requiring a comprehensive response that includes prevention, treatment, recovery supports, overdose reversal, law enforcement, and criminal justice reform.

Substance use disorder not only impacts the individual, but the family and community as well. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), approximately nine million children across our nation live in a home with at least one parent who uses an illicit drug. Tragically, children in these homes are at an increased risk for depression, suicide, poverty, delinquency, anxiety, homelessness, and substance use disorder. In addition, while our nation has made significant strides in both our understanding and response to the drug crisis, it is clear that too many communities across our nation still have fragmented prevention, treatment, and recovery infrastructures.

Introduced by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden and Ranking Member Frank Pallone, along with Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady and Ranking Member Richard Neal, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act would strengthen key federal low-income assistance and senior health insurance programs to better respond to our nation's drug crisis. In addition to serving as the vehicle that will advance many other significant proposals already considered in the House, this legislation would give critical federal safety net programs more tools to prevent and help treat substance use disorder.

We applaud the champions of H.R. 6 for treating addiction like the disease that it is, and for their bold leadership, in their respective committees and on the House floor, to advance so many innovative, bipartisan proposals that will have an immediate, and positive impact to address addiction.

We respectfully urge the full House to immediately consider and pass H.R. 6, which represents a significant step toward building the comprehensive response needed in our nation so that fewer lives are lost to substance use disorder.

Sincerely,

1. 1 Voice Inc.
2. A New PATH
3. Addiction Policy Forum
4. Advocates for Recovery Colorado
5. Alano Club of Portland
6. Alliance for Addiction and Mental Health Services, Maine
7. American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
8. American Society of Addiction Medicine
9. Apricity (STEP Industries)
10. Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA)
11. Association of Recovery Community Organizations
12. Bangor Area Recovery Network, Inc.
13. Brain Health & Restoration
14. CADA of Northwest Louisiana
15. California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals (CCAPP)
16. Capital Area Project Vox - Lansing's Voice of Recovery
17. Caron Treatment Centers
18. Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research at Boston Children's Hospital
19. Center for Recovery and Wellness Resources
20. CFC Loud N Clear Foundation
21. Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition (CRCC)
22. Communities for Recovery
23. Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
24. Connecticut Certification Board
25. Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)
26. COPES, Inc
27. DarJune Recovery Support Services & Café
28. Davis Direction Foundation - The Zone

29. DC Recovery Community Alliance
30. Detroit Recovery Project, Inc.
31. Easy Does It, Inc.
32. El Paso Alliance
33. Engaged Recovery Community Services
34. Faces & Voices of Recovery
35. Faces and Voices of Recovery Canada
36. FAVOR Grand Strand
37. FAVOR Greenville
38. FAVOR Low Country
39. FAVOR Midlands
40. FAVOR Mississippi Recovery Advocacy Project
41. FAVOR Pee Dee
42. FAVOR SC
43. FAVOR Tri-County
44. Fellowship Foundation Recovery Community Organization
45. Floridians for Recovery
46. Foundation for Recovery, Inc.
47. Friends of Recovery - New York
48. G.A.P. House Ministries, Inc.
49. George B. Crane Memorial Center
50. Georgia Council on Substance Abuse
51. Great Bear Recovery Collaborative
52. Greater Macomb Project Vox
53. HOPE for NH Recovery
54. IC & RC
55. Illinois Association of Behavioral Health
56. Jackson Area Recovery Community
57. Latah Recovery Center
58. Lifehouse Recovery Connection
59. Live4Lali
60. Living Proof Recovery
61. Long Island Recovery Association (LIRA)
62. Lost Dreams Awaken Center, Inc.
63. Lotus Peer Recovery/SoberKerrville
64. Maine Alliance for Addiction Recovery
65. Maryland Recovery Organization Connecting Communities (M-ROCC)
66. Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR)
67. Message Carriers of Pennsylvania
68. Mi-HOPE - Michigan Heroin & Opiate Prevention and Education

69. Michigan Recovery Voices
70. Minnesota Recovery Connection
71. Missouri Recovery Network
72. NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
73. NACoA - National Association for Children of Addiction
74. National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
75. National Association of Social Workers
76. National Council for Behavioral Health
77. National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence/Phoenix
78. National Families in Action
79. National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives
80. Navigate Recovery Gwinnett
81. Navigating Recovery of the Lakes Region
82. Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA)
83. Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery
84. Oklahoma Citizen Advocates for Recovery & Treatment Association (OCARTA)
85. Peer Coach Academy Colorado
86. Peer Wellness & Recovery Services
87. PEER360 Recovery Alliance
88. Pennsylvania Recovery Organization - Achieving Community Together - (PRO-ACT)
89. Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance (PRO-A)
90. People Advocating Recovery - PAR
91. PLR Athens
92. Portland Recovery Community Center
93. REAL- Michigan (Recovery, Education, Advocacy & Leadership)
94. Reality Check, Inc.
95. Recover Project/Western MA Training
96. Recover Wyoming
97. Recovery - Friendly Taos County
98. Recovery Alliance of Austin/ Recovery ATX
99. Recovery Allies Of West Michigan
100. Recovery Cafe
101. Recovery Communities of North Carolina
102. Recovery Community Connection
103. Recovery Community Of Durham
104. Recovery Consultants of Atlanta
105. Recovery Epicenter Foundation, Inc.
106. Recovery Force of Atlantic County
107. Recovery Idaho, Inc.
108. Recovery is Happening

109. Recovery Organization of Support Specialist
110. reGROUP / Lost and Found RecoveryCenter
111. Resilient Futures Network, LLC
112. Revive Recovery, Inc.
113. Rhode Island Communities for Addiction Recovery Efforts (RICAREs)
114. Rochester Recovery Community Center
115. ROcovery Fitness
116. Rosenthal Center for Addiction Studies
117. Safe Harbor Recovery Center Granite Pathways
118. Shatterproof
119. Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action)
120. SMART Recovery
121. Solutions Recovery, Inc.
122. SOS Recovery Community Organization
123. SpiritWorks Foundation
124. Springs Recovery Connection
125. Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow (SMART)
126. T.O.R.C.H Inc.
127. Texas Recovers!
128. The Bridge Foundation
129. The Courage Center (TCC)
130. The DOOR - DeKalb Open Opportunity for Recovery
131. The McShin Foundation
132. The Moyer Foundation
133. The Ohana Center for Recovery
134. The Phoenix
135. The RASE Project
136. The Serenity House of Flint
137. The Solano Project / Unity Hall
138. The Village South
139. Tia Hart Community Recovery Program
140. Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) Illinois
141. Treatment Communities of America
142. Trilogy Recovery Community
143. U MARC (United Mental Health and Addictions Recovery Coalition)
144. Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA)
145. Vermont Recovery Network
146. Voices of Hope for Cecil County
147. Voices of Hope Lexington
148. Voices of Recovery San Mateo County

149. WAI-IAM, Inc. and RISE Recovery Community
150. Washtenaw Recovery Advocacy Project (WRAP)
151. WestCare
152. WestCare Foundation Tennessee
153. WestCare Foundation, Inc.
154. WestCare Georgia
155. Westcare Illinois
156. Westcare Kentucky
157. WestCare Ohio dba East End Community Services
158. WestCare Village South
159. Wisconsin Recovery Community Organization (WIRCO)
160. Wisconsin Voices for Recovery
161. Young People In Recovery