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
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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
Amare
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