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The Honorable Morgan Griffith
Chair
House Energy and Commerce Committee
Health Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette
Ranking Member
House Energy and Commerce Committee
Health Subcommittee
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Griffith and Ranking Member DeGette:

The undersigned organizations representing the prevention, treatment and recovery communities write to thank the Subcommittee for its ongoing commitment to addressing the opioid misuse and overdose epidemic. We are, however, concerned about H.R. 5629, which would repeal the 2024 Final Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Rules, and H.R. 5630, which would impose additional reporting requirements on Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant grantees. We are writing to express our strong concern with moving these two proposals forward in the legislative process.

Given that the OTP Final Rules only took full effect in October 2024 and some states are still in the process of updating state laws and regulations, we believe it would be premature for Congress to consider legislative changes without first evaluating their impact. Early evidence suggests policy changes such as increased telehealth flexibilities made during the COVID-19 pandemic and codified in the Rules are increasing access to treatment and contributing to recent declines in overdose deaths. Accordingly, we respectfully recommend that Congress direct the appropriate agencies to study the implementation of the Rules, including their effects on treatment access and medication diversion, before pursuing any modifications to the regulations. Moreover, we believe this review would inform if additional reporting requirements for block grant recipients are needed and, if yes, ensure that relevant and meaningful metrics are collected for evaluation.

Thanks in part to bipartisan congressional action – including enactment of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and the SUPPORT Act – recent data shows encouraging trends. Earlier this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported the largest single-year decline in overdose deaths on record, a 25% decrease from the prior year. While 79,000 lives lost in 2024 is still far too high, it marks the first time overdose deaths have fallen below 100,000 since 2020. We are concerned that repealing the OTP regulations or implementing burdensome reporting requirements on states would reverse some of this hard-fought progress.

We appreciate the Committee's leadership on this issue and stand ready to work collaboratively to further reduce opioid misuse and overdose deaths while preserving access to effective, evidence-based treatment.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Acadia Healthcare CTC Division
Alliance for Connected Care
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Association for the Treatment of
Opioid Dependence
American Psychiatric Association
Association for Behavioral Health and
Wellness
BayMark Health Services
BrightView Health
Community Education Group
Community Medical Services
Faces and Voices of Recovery
IC&RC

Legal Action Center
Mobilize Recovery
NAADAC, the Association for Addiction
Professionals
National Association for Behavioral
Healthcare
National Association of State Alcohol and
Drug Agency Directors (NASADAD)
National Behavioral Health Association of
Providers
Pinnacle Treatment Centers
WestCare Foundation
Young People in Recovery

State and Local Organizations

Alaska

Alaska Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence
Narcotic Drug Treatment Center Inc.

Arizona

Arizona Opioid Treatment Coalition
Comprehensive Center for Pain and
Addiction, University of Arizona

Southwest Recovery Alliance

California

California Consortium of Addiction
Programs and Professionals

California Opioid Maintenance Providers
C.O.R.E. Medical Clinic, Inc.

Colorado

Colorado Organization for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Connecticut

Chemical Abuse Services Agency, Inc.
Community Health Resources, Inc.
Connecticut Community for Addiction
Recovery
Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc.

Liberation Programs, Inc.
Opioid Treatment Providers of Connecticut
APT Foundation, Inc.
Recovery Network of Programs

Florida

Addiction Medical Solutions
Aspire Health Partners

Florida Association for the Treatment of
Opioid Dependence

Georgia

Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia

Illinois

Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center

Rincon Family Services

Indiana

Indiana Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Kentucky

Daviess Treatment Services
Kentucky Association for Treatment of
Opioid Dependence

Simpson Treatment Services
St Mathews Pharmacy
Western KY Medical

Maine

Maine Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Maryland

Addiction Treatment Systems
Another Way, Inc.
BD Health
Cecil Community Recovery Services
The Frederick Institute
Grasonville Health Services
Institutes for Behavior Resources, Inc
Maryland Association for the Treatment of
Opioid Dependence

New Journey, Inc.
Open ARMMS, Inc
Park Heights Health Service
Penn North Behavioral Health
Serenity Health
Starting Point Clinic
Turning Point Clinic

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Opioid Treatment Association

Michigan

Brighton Center, Inc
Michigan Association for the Treatment of
Opioid Dependence

Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center
Star Center
Victory Clinical Services

New Jersey

JSAS HealthCare, Inc.
New Brunswick Counseling Center
New Jersey Association for the Treatment
of Opioid Dependence

Somerset Treatment Services
South Jersey Drug Treatment Center
Spectrum Health Care, Inc.

Nevada

Nevada Opioid Treatment Association

New York

Coalition of Medication Assisted Treatment Providers and Advocates (COMPA) of New York
Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc.

North Carolina

Addiction Professionals of North Carolina
Greenville Treatment Center
Jacksonville Treatment Center
Johnston Recovery Services
Lumberton Treatment Center
Morehead City Treatment Center
Nags Head Treatment Center

North Carolina Association for the
Treatment of Opioid Dependence
Rocky Mount Treatment Center
Sanford Treatment Center
Southlight Healthcare
Western Wake Treatment Center

Ohio

Canton Comprehensive Treatment Center
Cleveland Comprehensive Treatment
center

Ohio Association for the Treatment of
Opioid Dependence
Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and
Family Service Providers

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Pennsylvania

Chambersburg Comprehensive Treatment
Center
Clearfield Comprehensive Treatment
Center
Coatevsille CTC
Dunmore Comprehensive Treatment Center
Farrell Comprehensive Treatment Center
Huntingdon Valley Comprehensive
Treatment Center

Lebanon Comprehensive Treatment Center
Lewistown CTC
Pennsylvania Association for the Treatment
of Opioid Dependence
Pottstown CTC
Sacavage CTC
Wilkes-Barre Comprehensive Treatment
Centers

Rhode Island

Codac, Inc
Opioid Treatment Association of Rhode Island

South Carolina

Ascent
Recovery Solutions
South Carolina Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Virginia

Virginia Association of Medication Assisted Recovery Programs

Washington

Comprehensive Healthcare
Evergreen Treatment Services
Northwest Integrated Health

Washington State Association for Treatment
of Opioid Dependence

Wisconsin

Vin Baker Recovery
Wisconsin Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence