December 2, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  The Honorable Paul Ryan
Senate Majority Leader  Speaker of the House
United State Senate  United States Congress
Washington, DC 20510  Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader  Democratic Leader
S-221, The Capitol  H-204, The Capitol
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Dear Senator McConnell, Senator Reid, Congressman Ryan and Congresswoman Pelosi,

The undersigned organizations are extremely grateful for your leadership and the considerable attention and resources the Congress has dedicated to addressing the opioid misuse and overdose epidemic. We are particularly pleased that Section 1003 of the newly released 21st Century Cures bill will meaningfully address the opioid misuse and overdose epidemic by providing $500 million in Fiscal Year 2017 and $500 million in Fiscal Year 2018. We urge the bill’s swift passage.

We respectfully ask that an immediate infusion of at least $500 million be included on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2017 continuing resolution. These funds will make a real impact on individuals, families and communities struggling with this disease and hopefully reduce the number of Americans dying daily from overdoses.

We also respectfully ask for clarification that recovery support services are a distinct allowable use of funds under the Opioid Grant Program in Section 1003. We support a comprehensive approach to addressing this epidemic, which must include providing recovery supports that enable individuals to enter and sustain their recovery.

While the opioid misuse and overdose epidemic is taking a terrible toll on our nation, with proper prevention, treatment and recovery supports – individuals can and do recover. Today, 23 million Americans are in recovery from substance use disorders. Our collective members have lived experience with sustaining recovery from opioid dependence and other substance use disorders that should be one of the tools available in a comprehensive response to the opioid misuse and overdose epidemic.

Thank you again for your leadership and attention to this matter. We pledge to continue working with Congress and the Administration to end this epidemic.

Sincerely,

Action Academy
ADASHN Inc. (Smart Recovery)
Addiction Connections Resource
Addiction Resource Council
Advanced Recovery Systems
Alano Club of Portland
Amarosa Academy
Anchor Learning Academy
Anne and Michael Danis Foundation
Archway Academy
Arise & Flourish
Art of Recovery
Association of Alternative Peer Groups
Association of Recovery in Higher Education
Association of Recovery Schools
Bennington School
Better Life in Recovery
BK Professional Counseling Center, LLC
Brandmining
Bridge Way School
Caribrook School
Caron Renaissance
Chris Atwood Foundation
CLEAN Cause Water
CMSEC
Coalition of Behavioral Health Services
College of New Jersey (TCNJ)
Collegiate Recovery Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder
Collegiate Recovery Program at the University of North Texas
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America
Cornerstone Recovery
Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse
Council on Recovery
Daytop Preparatory School
Drug Prevention Resources
Facing Addiction
Fairfield University
Federal CURE
Glow Media
Grand Valley State University – ACES Office
Greater Cincinnati Recovery Resource Collaborative (GCRRC)
Hazelden Betty Ford Institute for Recovery Advocacy
Headwaters Academy
Hope Academy
Horizon High School
Houston Recovery Center
Houston Recovery Initiative
Independence Academy
Insight Program
International CURE
Jose A. Valdez High School
Ken R.O.A.D.S. School (Recovery, Opportunity, Desire, Success)
King County Mental Health
Legal Action Center
Liberty Prep Academy
Life of Purpose
Lifeway International
Lost and Found Recovery Center
Maryland Heroin Awareness Advocates
McShin Foundation
Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center
Mental Health Associates of the Triad
Messengers of Recovery Awareness
Minnesota Recovery Connection
Mission Academy
NAADAC – The Association for Addiction Professionals
Newport Academy
No More Heroin
Northshore Recovery High School
O’Brien House Louisiana
Ohio State University Collegiate Recovery Community
Oklahoma Citizen Advocates for Recovery & Treatment Association (OCARTA)
Open Doorway of Cape Cod
P.E.A.S.E. Academy
Phoenix Academy Charter School
Raymond J. Lesniak Experience, Strength and Hope Recovery High School
Recover Wyoming
Recovery Africa
Recovery Art Studio
Redfield Academy
reGroup: Peer Advocates for Addiction Recovery
Road Recovery Foundation
Rockdale Recovery High School
Santa Clarita Sober School
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.
Serenity Academy of Chicago
Serenity High School
Silver Hill Hospital
S.O.A.R Success Over Addiction and Relapse Yoga
Summit County Recovery Foundation
Sunshine Prevention Center
Teen and Family Services
Teen Recovery Solutions
Texas Tech – Center for the Study of Addiction
The Recovery Center
Three Oaks Academy
Transforming Youth Recovery
Treatment Communities of America
University High School, Austin, TX
University of Houston, Cougars in Recovery
Visions Day School
Voices of Hope for Cecil County
Winfree Academy
Waterford Academy
Waubun-Omega-White Earth
Wyoming County Cares
Young People in Recovery
Young People in Recovery – Amarillo, TX
Young People in Recovery – Amsterdam, NY
Young People in Recovery – Anchorage, AK
Young People in Recovery - Arvada, CO
Young People in Recovery – Augusta, GA
Young People in Recovery – Austin, TX
Young People in Recovery – Beckly, WV
Young People in Recovery – Biddeford, ME
Young People in Recovery – Binghamton, NY
Young People in Recovery – Boone Florence, KY
Young People in Recovery – Boston, MA
Young People in Recovery – Charleston, SC
Young People in Recovery – Charleston, WV
Young People in Recovery – Charlotte, NC
Young People in Recovery – Chicago, IL
Young People in Recovery – Clarksburg, WV
Young People in Recovery – Cleveland, OH
Young People in Recovery – Colorado Springs, CO
Young People in Recovery – Dallas, TX
Young People in Recovery – Darmouth, MA
Young People in Recovery – Delaware County, PA
Young People in Recovery – Denver, CO
Young People in Recovery – Detroit, MI
Young People in Recovery – Doylestown, PA
Young People in Recovery – El Paso, TX
Young People in Recovery – Fort Worth, TX
Young People in Recovery – Golden Isles, GA
Young People in Recovery – Houston, TX
Young People in Recovery – Hudson, NY
Young People in Recovery – Indianapolis, IN
Young People in Recovery – Jacksonville, FL
Young People in Recovery – Katy, TX
Young People in Recovery – Kerrville, TX
Young People in Recovery – Knoxville, TN
Young People in Recovery – Las Vegas, NV
Young People in Recovery – Levittown, PA
Young People in Recovery – Lewiston, MT
Young People in Recovery – Lexington, KY
Young People in Recovery – Littleton, CO
Young People in Recovery – Llano, TX
Young People in Recovery – Long Island, NY
Young People in Recovery – Louisville, KY
Young People in Recovery – Los Angeles, CA
Young People in Recovery – Madison, WI
Young People in Recovery – Manchester, NH
Young People in Recovery – Miami, FL
Young People in Recovery – Missoula, MT
Young People in Recovery – New Brunswick, NJ
Young People in Recovery – New Haven, CT
Young People in Recovery – North Palm Beach County, FL
Young People in Recovery – Ocean County, NJ
Young People in Recovery – Orange County, CA
Young People in Recovery – Orem, UT
Young People in Recovery – Owensboro, KY
Young People in Recovery – Parker, CO
Young People in Recovery – Philadelphia, PA
Young People in Recovery – Portland, ME
Young People in Recovery – Providence, RI
Young People in Recovery – Pueblo, CO
Young People in Recovery – Raleigh, NC
Young People in Recovery – Richmond, VA
Young People in Recovery – Roanoke, VA
Young People in Recovery – Rockville, MD
Young People in Recovery – Salt Lake City, UT
Young People in Recovery – Sanford, ME
Young People in Recovery – Santa Cruz, CA
Young People in Recovery – Scranton, PA
Young People in Recovery – Stephenville, TX
Young People in Recovery – South Palm Beach County, FL
Young People in Recovery – Springfield, MA
Young People in Recovery – Tempe, AZ
Young People in Recovery – Tyler, TX
Young People in Recovery – Weatherford, TX
Young People in Recovery – West Los Angeles, CA
Young People in Recovery – Wheeling, WV
Young People in Recovery – Wichita, KS
Young People in Recovery – Wyoming County, PA

CC:
The Honorable Thad Cochran
The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
The Honorable Hal Rogers
The Honorable Nita Lowey
The Honorable Roy Blunt
The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Tom Cole
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro