

# Parity *Now* Coalition

December 11, 2007

The Honorable Patrick Kennedy  
407 Cannon House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Ramstad  
103 Cannon House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kennedy and Representative Ramstad:

The undersigned organizations applaud you for your commitment to mental health and addiction parity legislation. We wish to thank you and your staffs for the countless hours you have dedicated to this bill thus far and look forward to working with you towards enacting the *Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007* into law.

We hereby lend our formal support to this invaluable piece of legislation.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AIDs Action Council  
Alliance for Children and Families  
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Academy of HIV Medicine  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Association for Psychological Rehabilitation  
American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence  
American Association of Children's Residential Centers  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
American Association of Suicidology  
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
American Counseling Association  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
American Group Psychotherapy Association  
American Hospital Association  
American Medical Association  
American Mental Health Counselors Association  
American Music Therapy Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Psychoanalytic Association  
American Psychotherapy Association  
American Probation and Parole Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Health Association  
American Society of Addiction Medicine  
Anna Westin Foundation  
Anxiety Disorders Association of America  
Association for the Advancement of Psychology  
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies  
Association of Recovery Schools  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Betty Ford Center  
Bradford Health Services  
Caron Treatment Centers  
Center for Clinical Social Work  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder  
Child Welfare League of America  
Clinical Social Work Association  
Clinical Social Work Guild 49, OPEIU  
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)  
Cumberland Heights  
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
Easter Seals  
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy and Action  
Eating Disorder Referral and Information Center/EDReferral.com  
Entertainment Industries Council  
Faces and Voices of Recovery  
Families for Depression Awareness  
Families USA  
Family Voices  
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
First Focus  
Hazelden Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association  
Housing Works, Inc  
Human Rights Campaign

organizations supporting strong federal mental health and addiction parity legislation  
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Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research  
 Johnson Institute  
 Kids Project  
 Legal Action Center  
 Mental Health America  
 NAADAC – The Association for Addiction Professionals  
 National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
 National Advocates for Pregnant Women  
 National Alliance of Methadone Advocates  
 National Alliance to End Homelessness  
 National Association for Children of Alcoholics  
 National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers  
 National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders – ANAD  
 National Association of County and City Health Officials  
 National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors  
 National Association of Mental Health Planning & Advisory Councils  
 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
 National Association of School Psychologists  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
 National Association on Alcohol, Drugs and Disability, Inc.  
 National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare  
 National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)  
 National Council on Independent Living  
 National Development and Research Institutes, Inc. (NDRI)  
 National Eating Disorders Association  
 National Eating Disorders Coalition  
 National Educational Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder  
 National Education Association  
 National Hispanic Medical Association  
 National Mental Health Awareness Campaign  
 National Recreation and Park Association  
 National Research Center for Women & Families  
 National Rural Health Association  
 Northamerican Association of Masters in Psychology  
 Obsessive Compulsive Foundation  
 Partnership for a Drug-Free America  
 Presbyterian Church (USA) Washington Office  
 Recovery Network Foundation  
 School Social Work Association of America  
 Society for Research on Child Development  
 Society of Professors of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
 Students for Sensible Drug Policy  
 Suicide Prevention Action Network USA  
 State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS)  
 Therapeutic Communities of America  
 TII CANN – Title II Community AIDS National Network  
 Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.  
 United Jewish Community  
 United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society  
 United Neighborhood Centers of America  
 U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association  
 Wellstone Action

*LOCAL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS*

622 Communities Partnership, Inc., Minnesota Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc  
 AA Safe Haven  
 Abilities in Motion  
 Addiction Recovery Institute  
 Addiction Resource Council  
 Addiction Treatment Providers of New Jersey  
 Advocates for Recovery  
 Alabama Voices for Recovery & Drug Education Council  
 Alcohol and Addictions Resource Center  
 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Delaware County, Inc.  
 Alcohol and Drug Council of North Carolina  
 Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of New York State  
 Alcoholism Council of New York  
 Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area, NCADD  
 Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness  
 Alliance for Recovery  
 Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc.  
 Alpha Project for the Homeless  
 A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing)  
 Anacostia Young Peoples Club  
 Arizona Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors  
 Arizona Council of Human Service Providers  
 Arkansas Association of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs  
 Association of Persons Affected by Addiction  
 Association of Substance Abuse Programs of Texas  
 Aspire of Western New York, Inc.  
 Barbara Schneider Foundation  
 Behavioral Health Services Association of South Carolina  
 BRiDGes, Madison County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc.  
 Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence  
 Burke Council on Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency, Inc.  
 California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources  
 California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives

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California Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
 Counselors  
 Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC)  
 Children's Health Initiative  
 Chemical Dependency Center of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc.  
 Coalition of Louisiana Addiction Prevention and Service  
 Providers  
 Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.  
 Colorado Association of Alcohol & Drug Service Providers  
 Community and Family Resources  
 Compassionate Women of the World  
 Connecticut Association of Addiction Professionals  
 Connecticut Association of Non-Profits  
 Council on Addictions of New York State (CANYS)  
 Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for Greater New  
 Orleans  
 Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Sullivan County  
 Council on Substance Abuse – NCADD  
 The Council on Substance Abuse & Mental Health  
 County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators  
 Association of California  
 Dads and Daughters  
 Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities  
 DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug  
 Dependence – Rochester Area  
 Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
 Detroit Recovery Project  
 Division for Learning Disabilities of the Council for  
 Exceptional Children  
 Dora Weiner Foundation  
 Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of  
 Pennsylvania  
 Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island  
 The Elisa Project  
 Employee & Family Resources, Inc.  
 Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and  
 Substance Abuse, Inc.  
 Exponents  
 Faces and Voices of Recover – Greenville, SC  
 Faces and Voices of Recovery - Pee Dee  
 Faces and Voices of Recovery – South Carolina  
 Faces and Voices of Recovery – Westchester  
 Feeling Blue Suicide Prevention Center  
 Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association  
 Focus on Community  
 Friends of Delaware and Otsego Counties, Inc.  
 Friends of Recovery – Monroe County  
 Friends of Recovery – Vermont  
 Gail R. Schoenbach/FREED Foundation  
 Gateway Foundation  
 Georgia Council on Substance Abuse  
 GLAD House, Inc.  
 Greater Flint Project Vox  
 Greater Macomb Project Vox  
 Gurze Books  
 Hanley Center  
 Harbor Hall, Inc.  
 Hope4you  
 Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence  
 Association  
 Indiana Association of Substance Abuse  
 Providers  
 Iowa Substance Abuse Program Directors'  
 Association  
 Jawonio, Inc.  
 Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals  
 Kingdom Recovery Center  
 Kristin Brooks Hope Center  
 Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug  
 Dependence  
 Maine Alliance for Addiction Recovery (MAAR)  
 Maine Association of Substance Abuse  
 Programs  
 Maine Substance Abuse Foundation  
 Maryland Addictions Director's Council  
 Maryland Chapter of the National Council on  
 Alcoholism and Drug Dependence  
 Maryland NAMA  
 Massachusetts Association of Alcohol and Drug  
 Abuse Counselors  
 Massachusetts Association of Alcoholism and  
 Drug Abuse  
 Counselors McHenry County Mental Health  
 Board (IL)  
 McShin Foundation  
 Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
 Corporations of Massachusetts  
 Methadone Support Org.  
 Michigan Association of License Substance  
 Abuse Organizations  
 Mississippi Association of Addiction Services  
 Missouri Addiction Counselor Association  
 Missouri Association of Alcohol & Drug Abuse  
 Programs  
 Missouri Recovery Network  
 Missouri Recovery Network – Jefferson City  
 Chapter  
 Montana Addiction Service Providers  
 Montana Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
 Counselors  
 M-Power, Inc.  
 Mountain Council on Alcohol and Drug  
 Dependence  
 Nantucket Alliance for Substance Abuse  
 Prevention, Inc.  
 Nantucket Behavioral Health  
 National Alliance on Mental Illness, Minnesota  
 National Alliance on Mental Illness, Rhode  
 Island

NCADD, Greater Kansas City  
NCADD, Michigan  
NCADD, South Bay  
NCADD, Greater Detroit Area  
NCADD, Long Beach  
NCADD, Middlesex County, Inc.  
NCADD, New Jersey  
NCADD, Northwest Florida  
NCADD, Orange County  
NCADD, Phoenix  
NCADD, Sacramento Region Affiliate  
NCADD, San Fernando Valley  
NCADD, Silicon Valley  
NCADD, St. Louis Area  
NCADD, Tulare County, Inc.  
National Council on Alcoholism/Lansing Regional Area, Inc  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations  
Nevada Alliance for Addictive Disorders Advocacy,  
Prevention & Treatment Services  
New England National Alliance of Methadone Advocates  
New Hampshire Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers  
Association  
New York AIDS Coalition  
NJ Advocates – NJ Chapter of NAMA  
Nick's Place  
North Carolina Association of Alcoholic Residential  
Facilities  
North Carolina Substance Abuse Providers Association  
North Dakota Addiction Treatment Providers Coalition  
Northern California Chapter of the National Alliance of  
Methadone Advocates  
Northern Michigan Project Vox  
Northpointe Council, Inc.  
Ohio Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency  
Prevention & Treatment  
Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers  
Oklahoma Faces and Voices of Recovery  
Oklahoma Substance Abuse Services Alliance  
Ophelia's Place  
Oregon Prevention, Recovery, and Education Association  
PAR – People Advocating Recovery  
Parent-To-Parent, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Recovery Organization – Achieving  
Community Together (PRO-ACT)  
Puente de Vida  
The RASE Project/Buprenorphine Coordinator Program

Recovery Center  
Recovery Consultants of Atlanta, Inc.  
Recovery Resource Center  
Volunteers of America Alaska  
Royal Oak (Michigan) Save Our Youth Task  
Force  
Recovery Resources  
Rockland Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug  
Dependence  
Samaritan Village  
Seaway Valley Prevention Council  
The Second Road, Inc.  
Society of Addiction Counselors of Colorado  
South Carolina Association of Alcohol and Drug  
Abuse Counselors  
South Dakota Association for Addiction  
Professionals  
South Dakota Council of Substance Abuse  
Providers  
Spirit Works Foundation Center for the Soul  
Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery  
Alliance (SAARA) of Virginia  
Substance Abuse Directors Association of  
Alaska  
Substance Abuse Recovery Alliance of Utah  
Suicide Awareness Voice of Education  
Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug, &  
Addiction Services  
Townsend Recovery, LLC  
Transformation Center  
Turning Point Recovery Center  
Upstate Cerebral Palsy (NY)  
Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network  
Vericare Management  
Vermont Association of Drug & Alcohol  
Programs  
Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug  
Counselors  
Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol  
Programs  
Washington Association of Alcoholism &  
Addiction Programs  
Western Massachusetts School Substance  
Abuse Counselors Association  
West Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug  
Abuse Counselors, Inc.