

October 16, 2025

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education,
Labor and Pensions
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education,
Labor and Pensions
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cassidy, Ranking Member Sanders, Chairman Guthrie, and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG), a coalition of national organizations representing individuals and families experiencing mental health and substance use challenges, mental health and substance use treatment providers, advocates, and other stakeholders committed to strengthening access to high-quality mental and substance use disorder (SUD) care, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your steadfast leadership and support in the passing the reauthorization of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act of 2025 (SUPPORT Act).

The opioid and mental health crises have impacted millions of American families and led to far too many preventable losses of life. The SUPPORT Act will fortify prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental illness, bolstering vital access to lifesaving support. Your leadership will continue our joint work to transform the landscape of mental and behavioral health resources and combat the devastatingly high rates of suicide and overdoses in the United States.

We wholeheartedly thank you for your unwavering commitment to the SUPPORT ACT and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure full implementation of these critical programs and to advance those provisions that did not make it into the reauthorization, including person-centered recovery services like peer support resources. Thank you for your leadership and we continue our work together to defeat the opioid and mental health crises and preserve and protect the health and safety of our communities nationwide.

Sincerely,

Active Minds
Alliance for Rights and Recovery
American Academy of Nursing
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work

American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists
American Association on Health and Disability
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Group Psychotherapy Association
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Nurses Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association Services
Anxiety and Depression Association of America
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare (AABH)
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Centerstone
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Children's Hospital Association
Clinical Social Work Association
Community Catalyst
Global Alliance for Behavioral Health & Social Justice
Inseparable
International OCD Foundation
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
Legal Action Center
Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance
Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute
Mental Health America
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Behavioral Healthcare
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Social Workers
National Board for Certified Counselors
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
National Eating Disorders Association
National Federation of Families
National League for Nursing

National Register of Health Service Psychologists
National Women's Shelter Network, Inc.
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
Psychotherapy Action Network (PsiAN)
REDC Consortium
SMART Recovery
The Kennedy Forum
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
The Trevor Project
Tourette Association of America
Treatment Advocacy Center
Trust for America's Health
Western Youth Services
Youth Power Project
Youth Villages