

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 Brett Guthrie Chairman Committee on Energy & Commerce U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Bernie Sanders Ranking Member Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

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