

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear President Trump,

We appreciate your initiative in issuing an Executive Order on addiction recovery and establishing the “*White House Great American Recovery Initiative*,” addressing an issue that profoundly affects individuals, families, and communities across the nation. We share your sense of urgency in strengthening addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Over the years, we have worked with you to expand access to these critical services in communities across the country, including through passage of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025. While we have made important progress in combatting the fentanyl crisis, tens of thousands of Americans continue to die from overdoses each year. As part of your new initiative, we urge you to work with us to expand access to medication-assisted treatment.

Medication is the clinical gold-standard for treating opioid addiction. Medications such as buprenorphine and methadone reduce an individual’s craving for opioids and help them enter long-term recovery. Although access to medication-assisted treatment has improved, some patients still face barriers including high costs, inconsistent coverage, and stigma. Any comprehensive effort to improve addiction treatment must include steps to address these barriers.

Three years ago, we passed a law to enable more than 1 million additional clinicians to prescribe medication-assisted treatment. While we have seen a reduction in overdose deaths in recent years, there is still more work to do. We ask that you work with us to make sure that clinicians can readily provide this treatment, to ensure that patients can access and afford these medications, and to do all that we can to reduce the pervasive stigma surrounding addiction treatment.

We appreciate your attention to the fentanyl crisis and look forward to working together to improve the federal government’s response.

Sincerely,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator

CC: Secretary Kennedy and Kathryn Burgum, Co-Chairs of the White House Great American Recovery Initiative