

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 14, 2026

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Secretary Kennedy:

We are writing to express our concern about the Department's abrupt decision to terminate critical funding that supports the prevention and treatment of mental health conditions and addiction in New Hampshire. We urge you to reverse this decision immediately and restore this critical funding to our constituents.

New Hampshire communities have been devastated by the fentanyl crisis. Funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) makes it possible for community-based organizations across the state to improve youth mental health, prevent overdoses, and support our first responders. We have heard from constituents that SAMHSA has abruptly cancelled funding that helps pregnant and postpartum women through recovery and provides peer support for Granite Staters who are in addiction treatment, among other programs.

The Administration has also canceled grants for organizations that train first responders on crisis response and help prevent youth suicide in our schools. Our schools rely on this funding to hire mental health counselors and train students and teachers.

During his first term, President Trump stated that "We can be the generation that ends the opioid epidemic." The Department's actions this week are in direct opposition to that goal. We urge you to reinstate this funding immediately and to provide our staff and the impacted organizations with information about the process that was used to determine why these grants would be terminated and how to appeal these grant terminations. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator



Chris Pappas
Member of Congress



Maggie Goodlander
Member of Congress