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The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Labor-HHS Subcommittee  
Committee on Appropriations  
S-146A The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Ranking Member  
Labor-HHS Subcommittee  
Committee on Appropriations  
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Labor-HHS Subcommittee  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
Labor-HHS Subcommittee  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Murray, Senator Blunt, Congresswoman DeLauro and Congressman Cole,

On behalf of the millions of individuals in and seeking recovery and their loved ones, we are writing to thank you for including a 10% Recovery Support Set-Aside in the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) in the House-passed Fiscal Year 2022 Labor-HHS spending bill and the Senate Labor-HHS spending bill released on October 18. **The undersigned recovery community leaders respectfully ask that the final conferenced package include the set-aside and an increase in the appropriation to the SABG of at least \$1.15 billion contained in the Senate bill.**

Unfortunately, in the absence of a dedicated funding stream, recovery has been woefully underfunded - resulting in an astonishingly low number of recovery support services, including 200 collegiate recovery programs, 160 local communities with an RCO, and 40 recovery high schools compared to over 15,000 specialty addiction treatment programs or the over 5,000 prevention coalitions nationwide. This disparity is particularly troubling in light of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [provisional data](#) showing that overdose deaths increased during the COVID-19 pandemic with a 29.6% increase in drug overdose deaths nationwide between March 2020 and March 2021.

We are so grateful that the set-aside would establish a dedicated funding stream for recovery support services that have not previously existed. Although funds spent on substance use disorder treatment in SABG and the State-Opioid Response (SOR) grants are “eligible” to be spent on non-clinical recovery-oriented supports, there is significant variability in how each state determines how these funds will be used. Additionally, definitions of treatment and recovery support and allocation of expenditures on each vary widely among states as documented in the December 2020 GAO Report to Congress.<sup>1</sup> **As such, we also strongly support transparency language included in both reports and particularly the “Block Grant Reporting Requirements” included in the House report to ensure that it is clear where and how these funds are spent.**

To dramatically reverse the troubling trend of increasing substance misuse and overdoses in our country, it is imperative that responding to the substance use disorder crisis evolves from an acute short-term individual-focused treatment response to a broader community recovery response where states and non-governmental organizations work in partnership to provide the entire continuum of care.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-21-58.pdf>

The undersigned sincerely appreciate your focus on this critically important matter. Please help us deliver a legacy of robust and stable funding to recovery support services by including the 10% Recovery Support Set-Aside in the SABG and an increase in the appropriation to the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) of at least \$1.15 billion in the final Fiscal Year 2022 Labor-HHS spending bill. This funding will allow all varieties of recovery support services to save lives immediately and dramatically scale recovery capital in communities across the country.

Respectfully submitted,

**National Organizations**

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| Faces & Voices of Recovery                                | National Alliance for Recovery Residences                                  |
| Third Horizon Strategies                                  | National Center for Advocacy and Recovery for Behavioral Health (NCAAR-BH) |
| All Sober   | National Rural Social Work Caucus  |
| Association of Recovery High Schools                      | Oxford House   |
| Association of Recovery in Higher Education               | Partnership to End Addiction   |
| C4 Innovations  | Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative (PTACC)                     |
| C4 Recovery Foundation                                    | SAFE Project   |
| Community Catalyst  | Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)  |
| Entertainment Industries Council (EIC)                    | The Levenson Foundation  |
| Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation                            | The Voices Project   |
| Kennedy Forum   | Treatment Communities of America   |
| International Recovery Day, Inc.                          | Young People in Recovery   |
| Legal Action Center                                       |  |
| National Alliance for Medication Assisted (NAMA) Recovery |  |

**Alabama**

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| Friends of Recovery Alabama | House of Fellowship |
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**Alaska**

- Recover Alaska

**Arizona**

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| Prescott Sober Living LLC | Sustony Sober Living LLC |
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**California**

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| A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing) | Recovery Cafe San Jose          |
| Addiction Recovery Communities of California           | SIMPLY SPACED                   |
| Bay Area Nutrition, LLC                                | The Purpose of Recovery         |
| Mental Health Systems, Inc.                            | University of California, Davis |
| Peninsula Health Concepts                              | Valley Sober Living             |
|  | Voices of Recovery              |

**Colorado**

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| Advocates for Recovery Colorado | Recover Simply              |
| Beyond Betty                    | Sober AF Entertainment      |
| Embark PCA                      | Springs Recovery Connection |
| Jaywalker Lodge                 |                             |

**Connecticut**

Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery  
(CCAR)  
Recovery Branches

TriCircle, Inc.  
Say Unkel Entertainment

**District of Columbia**

Aquila Recovery Clinic

United States of Care

**Delaware**

Recycled Books Inc

**Florida**

A Stepping Stone To Success  
ABM Counseling Center LLC  
Center for the Study of Drug Addiction Policy  
Fellowship Recovery Community Organization  
Fire Forged Recovery  
Flagler Cares  
Flagler Open Arms Recovery Services  
Florida Recovery Schools  
Floridians for Recovery  
Florida Recovery Schools of Central Florida

Healthy Start Coal of Flagler & Volusia County  
Liberation House  
LSF Health Systems  
Miami Recovery Project  
Recovery Connections of Central Florida  
Recovery Epicenter Foundation  
Shining Light Peer Services  
South Florida Wellness Network  
Volusia Recovery Alliance, Inc.

**Georgia**

DIVAS Who Win Freedom Center Inc  
Freedom through Recovery Susan Ford  
Recovery Community Organization, INC  
Georgia Council on Substance Abuse  
iHOPE Inc  
Impact Recovery Connections  
J's Place  
Last Shot Recovery  
LivingProof Recovery  
NARdoc  
No More ODs, Inc.  
Our Integrity House Inc.

Paula Crane Life Enrichment Center  
Peers Empowering Peers  
People Living in Recovery Inc  
R2ISE  
Reboot Jackson  
Recovery Bartow  
STAND, Incorporated  
the Arena  
The Change Center  
The Connection  
The HUB of southeast Georgia  
The ROCC  
Woman with a Plan

**Idaho**

Center for Hope  
Latah Recovery Center  
Phoenix House Sober Living

Recovery in Motion  
Recovery Voices of Idaho

**Illinois**

Bridgeway  
Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition  
Encounter Medical Group, PC  
Live4Lali

Lyons Township Mental Health Commission  
Northern Illinois Recovery Community  
Organization  
Take Action Today

**Indiana**

5K Bird Walk for Recovery  
Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition  
Integrative Wellness  
Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, Inc.  
Mental Health America of Indiana  
Next Step Foundation, Inc

PACE, Inc.  
REAL Recovery  
Recovery Cafe Indy  
Recovery United, Inc.  
The Artistic Recovery  
THRIVE

**Kansas**

Working Men of Christ

**Kentucky**

Achieving Recovery Together, Inc  
Newness of Life  
New Canaan Parent Support Group

PAR - People Advocating Recovery  
Voices of Hope - Lexington, Inc.

**Louisiana**

Saint Louis University Collegiate Recovery  
Community

Southeastern Louisiana University

**Massachusetts**

Axis Building Corporation  
Bay State Community Services  
BECCA Foundation  
City of Revere  
Mass General Brigham - Pentucket Medical  
Association  
Massachusetts Organization for Addiction  
Recovery, Inc

One Shared Spirit  
Outlook Associates of New England  
ServiceNet  
Turning Point Recovery Support Center - Bay  
State Community Services  
[www.right-turn.org](http://www.right-turn.org)

**Maryland**

CMS Institute of Addictionology, Inc  
HARBEL Community Organization

Wells House Inc

**Maine**

Coastal Recovery Community Center  
Portland Recovery Community Center

True Nature Recovery Counseling

**Michigan**

Bear River Health  
Beginning Step  
Detroit Recovery Project, Inc.  
Green Tara Holistic Recovery

Michigan Association of Recovery Residences,  
Inc.  
Serenity House of Flint  
Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health

**Minnesota**

Beyond Brink  
Bold North Recovery and Consulting  
Doc's Recovery House

Minnesota Hope Dearlz Organization  
Minnesota Recovery Connection  
Niyah Recovery Initiative

Recovery Community Network  
Rise Up Recovery  
Will Work for Recovery

White Bear Lake Area Learning Center/Insight  
Recovery School

**Missouri**

ASCENT Recovery  
Benilde Hall  
Better Life in Recovery  
Child and Family Empowerment Center  
Counselors Obediently Preventing Substance  
Abuse (COPS)  
Footprints Inc.  
Harvest Outreach  
Healing House, Inc.  
Higher Ground Recovery Center  
Lily's House  
Mission Gate Ministry

Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support  
Providers (MCRSP)  
Ozark Recovery Housing  
PreventEd  
Recovery Lighthouse, Inc.  
Recycling Grace Womens Center  
Springfield Recovery Community Center  
Starting Point Outpatient Services LLC  
Stepping into the light  
The Embassy, Inc.  
The Healing House and New Beginnings

**Mississippi**

Mississippi State University Collegiate Recovery  
Community

Southern Recovery Advocacy

**North Carolina**

Methodist University, Fayetteville NC  
North Carolina Higher Education Alcohol &  
Other Drug Prevention and Recovery  
Professionals  
Project Lazarus  
Recovery Community Of Durham

Reintegration Support Network  
STW Counseling PLLC  
Tia Hart Community Recovery Program  
Wake Monarch Academy/Recovery High School  
Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc.

**New Hampshire**

Addiction Recovery Coalition of New Hampshire  
Greater Tilton Area Family Resource Center  
Harbor Care  
Hope for New Hampshire Recovery  
Keene Serenity Center  
Mt. Washington Valley (MWV) Supports  
Recovery Coalition

North Country Serenity Center  
Plymouth Area Recovery Connection  
REALITY CHECK INC  
Sharing With Out Shame  
SOS Recovery Community Organization  
The Serenity Center  
TLC Recovery

**New Jersey**

CASA of Union County  
Center for Addiction Recovery, Education and  
Success (CARES)  
Community in Crisis  
Hansen Foundation  
Mainstream Recovery

New Jersey Alliance of Recovery Residences  
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and  
Addiction Agencies, Inc.  
The Center for Great Expectations  
Xodus Recovery Community Center

**New Mexico**

**Nevada**

Foundation for Recovery  
Heart2Heart

Rural Remedy  
There is no Hero in Heroin

**New York**

Foundations Recovery Center  
Friends of Recovery - New York  
Friends of Recovery Long Island (DBA Long  
Island Recovery Association)  
Friends of Recovery Rockland  
In HIS Name Outreach, Inc.  
Let's Talk SAFETY; Inc.  
Mountain Top Cares Coalition  
Nick's Ride 4 Friends  
Orange Recovery Community  
Recovery Coach University

Recovery Houses of Rochester Inc  
Rob Constantine Recovery Community and  
Outreach Center  
ROcovery Fitness  
Samaritan Daytop Village  
Schoharie County council on Alcoholism and  
Substance  
Second Chance Opportunities, Inc  
Staten Island for Partnership for Community  
Wellness

**Ohio**

Exodus Recovery Support Services LLC  
Hope United  
Hope Village, LLC  
Northern Ohio Recovery Association

The Briermost Foundation  
The Ethel Hardy House  
The Phoenix Recovery Support Services  
The Woodrow Project

**Oregon**

4D Recovery  
Alano Club of Portland  
Harmony Academy Recovery High School

Oregon Recovers  
Painted Horse Recovery  
WomenFirst Transition & Referral Center

**Pennsylvania**

Blairsville Support Group Against Drugs  
Easy Does It, Inc.  
ecoverycareers.com  
Kolbe Academy  
Lost Dreams Awakening  
Message Carriers of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Recovery Organization Alliance  
(PRO-A)

Queenship of Mary Church  
Sage's Army, Inc.  
Sparking Solutions LLC  
Sync Recovery Community  
The Bridge Foundation  
Treatment Trends Inc  
Unity Recovery

**Puerto Rico**

Puerto Rico & Florida Recovery Training Academy

**Rhode Island**

Access to Recovery  
East Bay Recovery Center

Parent Support Network of Rhode Island

Rhode Island Communities for Addiction  
Recovery Efforts (RICARES)

**South Carolina**

FAVOR Grand Strand  
FAVOR Pee Dee, Inc.  
FAVOR Piedmont

Midlands Recovery Center  
Recovery Thrives  
Savannah River ROC

**Tennessee**

Cumberland Heights -Still Waters  
Healing Housing  
Maury Prevention Coalition

Rally Point Foundation  
The GAAL House  
Welcome Home Ministries

**Texas**

Any Length LLC  
APAA - Association of Persons Affected by  
Addictions  
Center for Recovery and Wellness Resources  
Communities for Recovery  
Doable Recovery Institute  
Fireside Recovery  
Gemini Recovery Community  
Knucklehead Recovery  
Linda Baxter Therapy  
OneVoiceHome  
Punto de Partida

Recovery Alliance of El Paso  
Recovery Centered Living  
Recovery Coalition of Texas  
RecoveryATX  
RecoveryPeople  
Rise Recovery  
Texas Recovery Network Solutions  
The House of Extra Measures-Men, LLC  
Thriving United  
Two Roads Recovery  
Willie Carter Outreach Center

**Utah**

Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA)

**Virginia**

Culpeper Overdose Awareness  
Georgia's Friends  
Roads to Recovery, Inc  
SpiritWorks Foundation

The Chris Atwood Foundation  
The McShin Foundation  
Virginia Tech

**Vermont**

In-Sight Healing  
Journey to Recovery Community Center  
Kingdom Recovery Center Inc.  
Springfield Turning Point Recovery Center

Turning Point Center of Bennington VT  
Turning Point Center of Rutland  
Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, VT  
Vermont Recovery Network

**Washington**

The Communities Project  
Hand Up Housing LLC

Hope Street  
Trilogy Recovery Community

**Wisconsin**

Forward Brightly  
HELIOS RECOVERY SERVICES LLC

Unity Recovery Services

**West Virginia**

Appalachian Recovery Alliance  
Ascension Recovery Services  
Freedom House Recovery Inc.  
Kanawha Valley Collective  
Lincoln County Community Outreach Program  
Newness of Life  
One Unique Recovery House, Inc

Recovery Point West Virginia  
Southern Highlands Community Mental Health /  
Concord University  
West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences  
West Virginia Sober Living  
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**Wyoming**

Recover Wyoming

