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The Honorable Frank Pallone  
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Anna Eshoo  
Chair  
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Pallone, Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers, Chairwoman Eshoo and Ranking Member Guthrie:

On behalf of the millions of individuals in and seeking recovery and their loved ones, we are writing to express our deep disappointment that legislation your Committee is about to consider, the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant Act of 2022 (HR 7235) does not include a 10% Recovery Support Set-Aside in the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG), now being considered by the Committee as the "Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and *Recovery Services* Block Grant Act of 2022," and an accompanying 10% increase in the SABG's authorization in upcoming legislation to reauthorize the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Regrettably, the undersigned organizations cannot support the bill in its current form.

We understand there have been concerns raised about the set-aside limiting state flexibility, but we find such concerns to be contradictory in light of support for the 20% set-aside for prevention. For example, on April 5, 2022, Cassandra Price testified on behalf of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors in favor of the 20% set-aside for prevention stating that "This 'prevention set-aside' is a core component of each State's prevention system. In particular, SAPT Block Grant funds make up more than 60% of primary prevention funds managed by State alcohol and drug agencies. In 14 States, the prevention set-aside represents 75% or more of the State agency's substance use prevention budget. In six States, the prevention set-aside represents 100% of the State's primary prevention funding." At the same time, Ms. Price said that "In the context of reauthorization, NASADAD prefers to maintain as much flexibility as possible in the use of SAPT Block Grant funds consistent with the nature of, and benefits related to, the block grant mechanism. The flexibility afforded in the SAPT Block Grant allows States the opportunity to target resources based on the conditions on the ground as opposed to pre-ordained spending requirements."

It is inaccurate to characterize the social and community benefit of a 20% prevention set-aside any differently than a potential recovery set-aside, particularly since there is no other dedicated funding source for recovery support services.

Without the dedicated funding stream provided by the set-aside, recovery will continue to be woefully underfunded. Today, there is in an astonishingly low number of recovery support services, including just 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 recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data estimating that 105,752 Americans died from overdoses between October 2020 and October 2021 – the highest rate of overdose deaths on record.

A 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 support the inclusion of accompanying transparency language that would 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 the response 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.

We appreciate the Committee’s focus on mental health and substance use, but believe that HR 7235 will fail to meaningfully address the substance use disorder epidemic in our nation and reduce the number of substance use-related deaths and we cannot support the bill in its current form. We ask that a 10% Recovery Support Set-Aside in the SABG and a 10% increase in the SABG’s authorization in SAMHSA reauthorization legislation be added to the legislation. Such funding would 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**

All Sober  
Association of Recovery Schools  
Association of Recovery in Higher Education  
C4 Innovations  
C4 Recovery Foundation  
Codependents Anonymous  
Community Catalyst  
Entertainment Industries Council (EIC)  
Faces & Voices of Recovery  
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation  
Kennedy Forum  
International Recovery Day, Inc.  
Legal Action Center  
LifeRing Secular Recovery  
NAADAC, The Association for Addiction  
Professionals  
National Alliance for Medication Assisted  
(NAMA) Recovery

National Alliance for Recovery Residences  
National Center for Advocacy and Recovery for  
Behavioral Health (NCAAR-BH)  
National Association for Children of Addiction  
(NACoA)  
National Rural Social Work Caucus  
Oxford House  
Partnership to End Addiction  
Police, Treatment, and Community  
Collaborative (PTACC)  
SAFE Project  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)  
The Levenson Foundation  
The Voices Project  
Third Horizon Strategies  
Treatment Communities of America  
Young People in Recovery

#### **Alabama**

Friends of Recovery Alabama

House of Fellowship

#### **Alaska**

Recover Alaska

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

## Arizona

Arizona Peer and Family Career Academy  
Helping Ourselves Pursue Enrichment

Prescott Sober Living LLC  
Sustony Sober Living LLC

## Arkansas

Breaking the Ties that Bind  
Lonoke County Sheriff's Office  
Positive Energy Affecting Recovering Lives

The Parker Gill Foundation  
Wolfe Street Foundation

## California

A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment  
& Healing)  
Addiction Recovery Communities of California  
ARCHway Foundation  
Bay Area Nutrition, LLC  
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network  
Integrated Recovery Network  
Mental Health Systems, Inc.  
Momentum for Health  
Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) of Ventura  
County, Inc.  
Peninsula Health Concepts  
Recovery Cafe San Jose  
SIMPLY SPACED  
Sokya Health  
Support Groups Central, Inc.  
The Purpose of Recovery

University of California, Davis  
Valley Sober Living  
Voices of Recovery  
Young People in Recovery - Inland Empire  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Orange County  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Palm Desert  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Redding  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Sacramento  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - San Diego  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Santa Barbara  
Chapter

## Colorado

Advocates for Recovery Colorado  
Armour X Recovery  
Auraria Recovery Community (ARC)  
Beyond Betty  
Colorado Artists in Recovery  
Colorado Naloxone Project & Stader Opioid  
Consultants  
Embark Peer Coach Academy (PCA)  
Hazelbrook Sober Living  
High Rockies Harm Reduction  
Jaywalker Lodge  
KG Designs  
Laurence Bacon Sales  
New Pathways to Wellness and Recovery  
Counseling Center

Peer 180  
Recover Simply  
Recovery Road  
Sober AF Entertainment  
Springs Recovery Connection  
The Compliance Alliance  
Young People in Recovery - Adams County  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Canon City  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Cortez Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Denver Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Durango  
Chapter

## Connecticut

Connecticut Community for Addiction  
Recovery (CCAR)

New Canaan Parent Support Group  
New Life Houses

Recovery Branches  
TriCircle, Inc.

Say Unkel Entertainment

#### **Delaware**

Kohnlinq, Inc.

Recycled Books, Inc.

#### **District of Columbia**

Aquila Recovery Clinic  
District of Columbia Peer Support  
Association

Reasons To Hope Foundation  
United States of Care

#### **Florida**

A Stepping Stone To Success  
ABM Counseling Center LLC  
Center for the Study of Drug Addiction Policy  
Chainless Change, Inc.  
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  
Nehemiah Project  
Rebel Recovery Florida  
Recovery Connections of Central Florida  
Recovery Epicenter Foundation  
Ryker Douglas  
Shining Light Peer Services  
South Florida Wellness Network  
StrongWell  
The RASE Project  
The RYAN Healing Center  
Volusia Recovery Alliance, Inc.  
Zero Hour Life Center

#### **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

Brighter, Behavior, Choices Inc.

Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition  
Encounter Medical Group, PC  
Live4Lali  
Lyons Township Mental Health Commission  
Northern Illinois Recovery Community  
Organization

Take Action Today  
Transforming Educating & Empowering Children  
and Humanity (TEECH)  
United Mental Health and Addiction Recovery  
Coalition (UMARC)

#### **Indiana**

1 Voice  
5K Bird Walk for Recovery  
Dismas House of Indiana  
Hope Academy  
Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition  
Indiana Center for Recovery  
Integrative Wellness  
Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, Inc.  
Mental Health America of Indiana  
Mental Health America of Indiana -  
Emberwood Center

Minority Recovery Collective Inc.  
Next Step Foundation, Inc  
PACE, Inc.  
REAL Recovery  
Recovery Cafe Indy  
Recovery United, Inc.  
Safe Haven Recovery Engagement Center  
The Artistic Recovery  
The Papa House  
THRIVE  
Two Twenty Eight Club Inc.

#### **Kansas**

Southeast Kansas Substance Misuse Prevention  
Coalition

Working Men of Christ

#### **Kentucky**

Achieving Recovery Together, Inc  
Louisville Recovery Community Connection  
(LRCC)  
Newness of Life  
New Canaan Parent Support Group  
PAR - People Advocating Recovery  
Voices of Hope - Lexington, Inc.

Young People in Recovery - Grayson  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - London Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Louisville  
Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Paducah  
Chapter

#### **Louisiana**

Saint Louis University Collegiate Recovery  
Community

Southeastern Louisiana University

#### **Maine**

Coastal Recovery Community Center  
Portland Recovery Community Center

True Nature Recovery Counseling

#### **Maryland**

CMS Institute of Addictionology, Inc  
HARBEL Community Organization  
Maryland Peer Advisory Council (MPAC)

Wells House Inc  
Voices of Hope, Inc.

#### **Massachusetts**

Axis Building Corporation

Bay State Community Services

BECCA Foundation  
City of Revere  
Groups Recover Together  
Harvard Medical School  
Mass General Hospital  
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  
Young People in Recovery - Berkshires Chapter  
[www.right-turn.org](http://www.right-turn.org)

#### Michigan

Bear River Health  
Beginning Step  
Community Recovery Alliance, Inc.  
Detroit Recovery Project, Inc.  
Emmanuel House  
Green Tara Holistic Recovery  
Jackson Area Recovery Community

Live Rite Structured Recovery Corp  
Michigan Association of Recovery Residences,  
Inc.  
Self Help Addiction Rehabilitation (SHAR)  
Serenity House of Flint  
Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health

#### Minnesota

A. Reed Holtum Solutions  
Beyond Brink  
Bold North Recovery and Consulting  
Doc's Recovery House  
Minnesota Hope Dearly Organization  
Minnesota Recovers  
Minnesota Recovery Connection  
Niyah Recovery Initiative  
Nystroms & Associates  
Recovery Alliance Duluth

Recovery Community Network  
Recovery Is Happening  
Rise Up Recovery  
Sage Prairie Clinic  
Sage Prairie Community Services  
ServeMinnesota  
Will Work for Recovery  
White Bear Lake Area Learning Center/Insight  
Recovery School

#### Missouri

ARCHway Institute  
ASCENT Recovery  
Assisted Recovery Centers of America  
Benilde Hall  
Better Life in Recovery  
Center for Disease Control Foundation  
Child and Family Empowerment Center  
Counselors Obediently Preventing Substance  
Abuse (COPS)  
Footprints Inc.  
Goliath House  
Harvest Outreach  
Healing House, Inc.  
Higher Ground Recovery Center  
Humanity Speaks  
Lily's House

LIV Recovery Sober Living  
Mission Gate Ministry  
Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support  
Providers (MCRSP)  
Ozark Recovery Housing  
Preferred Family Healthcare  
PreventEd  
Rise and Shine Foundation, Inc  
Recovery Lighthouse, Inc.  
Recycling Grace Womens Center  
StepOne Service  
Springfield Recovery Community Center  
Starting Point Outpatient Services LLC  
Simmering Center  
Stepping into the Light  
STL Recovery Fun

Straight Street  
The Embassy, Inc.

The Healing House and New Beginnings

#### **Mississippi**

Mississippi State University Collegiate Recovery  
Community

Southern Recovery Advocacy

#### **Nevada**

Foundation for Recovery  
Heart2Heart

Rural Remedy  
There is No Hero in Heroin

#### **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  
Navigating Recovery of the Lakes Region  
New Futures  
New Hampshire Coalition of Recovery  
Residences

North Country Serenity Center  
Plymouth Area Recovery Connection  
REALITY CHECK INC  
Revive Recovery Resource Center  
Sharing With Out Shame  
SOS Recovery Community Organization  
The Serenity Center  
TLC Recovery  
White Horse 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  
Recovery is Essential (RIE)  
Sea Change Recovery Community Organization  
Xodus Recovery Community Center

#### **New Mexico**

Hozho Center for Personal Enhancement  
Rio Grande Alcoholism Treatment Program, Inc.

SHE RECOVERS Foundation

#### **New York**

Bontsworld Foundation  
Foundations Recovery Center  
Friends of Recovery - New York  
Friends of Recovery - Long Island (DBA Long  
Island Recovery Association)  
Friends of Recovery – Rockland  
Friends of Recovery - Warren & Washington  
In HIS Name Outreach, Inc.  
Let's Talk SAFETY; Inc.  
MASIICS/MADE 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  
ROCover Fitness  
Samaritan Daytop Village

Schoharie County council on Alcoholism and  
Substance  
Second Chance Opportunities, Inc

Staten Island for Partnership for Community  
Wellness

**North Carolina**

Addiction Professionals of North Carolina  
Aviation Family Fund  
Methodist University, Fayetteville NC  
North Carolina Higher Education Alcohol &  
Other Drug Prevention and Recovery  
Professionals  
Project Lazarus  
Recovery Communities of North Carolina  
Recovery Community Of Durham

Reintegration Support Network  
STW Counseling PLLC  
Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness  
TalkManTalk  
Tia Hart Community Recovery Program  
Wake Monarch Academy/Recovery High School  
Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc.  
Young People in Recovery - Greensboro Chapter



## **Ohio**

Exodus Recovery Support Services LLC  
Hope Recovery Community  
Hope United  
Hope Village, LLC  
Northern Ohio Recovery Association  
Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery  
Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center  
The Briermost Foundation

The Ethel Hardy House  
The Phoenix Recovery Support Services  
The Woodrow Project  
Young People in Recovery - Cincinnati Chapter  
Young People in Recovery - Columbus Chapter

## **Oregon**

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

Painted Horse Recovery  
The Miracles Club Apartments  
WomenFirst Transition & Referral Center

## **Pennsylvania**

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

Queenship of Mary Church  
Sage's Army, Inc.  
Sparkling Solutions LLC  
Summerlot Marketing  
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**

Colleton County Alcohol and  
Drug (Pillars4Hope)  
FAVOR Grand Strand  
FAVOR Pee Dee, Inc.

FAVOR Piedmont  
Midlands Recovery Center  
Recovery Thrives  
Savannah River ROC

## **South Dakota**

Recovery Communities of South Dakota

## **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  
Monarca Community Chaplaincy / Recovery for  
Everyone  
OneVoiceHome  
Punto de Partida

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

#### **Utah**

Utah Support Advocates for Recovery  
Awareness (USARA)

Young People in Recovery - Salt Lake City  
Chapter

#### **Virginia**

Culpeper Overdose Awareness  
Georgia's Friends  
Roads to Recovery, Inc  
Rural Overdose and Outreach Team (The ROOT  
Project)

SpiritWorks Foundation  
The Chris Atwood Foundation  
The McShin Foundation  
Virginia Tech

#### **Vermont**

In-Sight Healing  
Journey to Recovery Community Center  
Kingdom Recovery Center Inc.  
North Central Vermont Recovery Center  
Turning Point Center of Bennington VT

Turning Point Center of Rutland  
Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, VT  
Vermont Recovery Network  
Vermont Roots and Wings Alliance

#### **Washington**

The Communities Project  
Hand Up Housing LLC  
Hope Street

Trilogy Recovery Community  
Young People in Recovery - Olympia Chapter

#### **Wisconsin**

Families Fighting Addiction  
Forward Brightly  
HELIOS RECOVERY SERVICES LLC  
Mandolin Foundation

Marinette County Group Home  
Next Steps for Change, Inc.  
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  
Seed Sower, Inc.  
Southern Highlands Community Mental Health /  
Concord University  
West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences  
West Virginia Sober Living  
WVRECOVERS.ORG

### **Wyoming**

Curran Seeley Foundation

Recover Wyoming

CC:

The Honorable Paul Tonko  
The Honorable Susan Wild  
The Honorable David McKinley