

May 10, 2022

The Honorable Frank Pallone
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Committee on Energy and Commerce
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
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Health Subcommittee
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
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Health Subcommittee
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2322-A Rayburn House Office Building
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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 Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022 (HR 7666) 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 support 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 a Recovery Community Organization, 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.¹ 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 7666 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
Center for the Study of Drug Addiction Policy
(CSDAP)
C4 Innovations
C4 Recovery Foundation
Codependents Anonymous
Community Catalyst
Entertainment Industries Council (EIC)
Faces & Voices of Recovery
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation
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 Association for Children of Addiction
(NACoA)
National Center for Advocacy and Recovery for
Behavioral Health (NCAAR-BH)
National Peer Recovery Alliance
National Rural Social Work Caucus
Oxford House
Partnership to End Addiction
Police, Treatment, and Community
Collaborative (PTACC)
Recovery Café
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

People Engaged in Recovery
The Sumlin Foundation

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

Alaska

Recover Alaska

True North Recovery

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
Peer Coach Academy Colorado
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

Kohnling, 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
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
Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition
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.
Your Doctor in Touch
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
Peer Recovery Supports of Idaho

Phoenix House Sober Living
Recovery Community Development Co.
Recovery in Motion

Recovery United, Inc.

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
Recovery Café Lexington
Voices of Hope - Lexington, Inc.
Young People in Recovery – Danville
Chapter
Young People in Recovery - Grayson
Chapter
Young People in Recovery – Harrodsburg
Chapter
Young People in Recovery - Lexington
Chapter
Young People in Recovery - London Chapter
Young People in Recovery - Louisville
Chapter

Young People in Recovery – Morehead
Chapter
Young People in Recovery – Nicholasville
Chapter
Young People in Recovery – Pikeville
Chapter
Young People in Recovery - Paducah
Chapter
Young People in Recovery – Richmond
Chapter
Young People in Recovery – Somerset
Chapter
Young People in Recovery – Springfield
Chapter
Young People in Recovery – Winchester
Chapter

Saint Louis University Collegiate Recovery Community	Louisiana	Southeastern Louisiana University
Coastal Recovery Community Center Portland Recovery Community Center	Maine	True Nature Recovery Counseling
CMS Institute of Addictionology, Inc HARBEL Community Organization Hope House Treatment Centers	Maryland	Maryland Peer Advisory Council (MPAC) Wells House Inc Voices of Hope, Inc.
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	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
Bear River Health Beginning Step Community Recovery Alliance, Inc. Detroit Recovery Project, Inc. Emmanuel House Green Tara Holistic Recovery Jackson Area Recovery Community Lifeboat Addiction Recovery Services	Michigan	Live Rite Structured Recovery Corp Recovery Advocates in Livingston, Inc. Michigan Association of Recovery Residences, Inc. Self Help Addiction Rehabilitation (SHAR) Serenity House of Flint Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health
A. Reed Holtum Solutions Beyond Brink Bold North Recovery and Consulting Doc's Recovery House Face it Together Bemidji Minnesota Hope Dearlz Organization Minnesota Recovers Minnesota Recovery Connection Niyah Recovery Initiative Nystroms & Associates Recovery Alliance Duluth	Minnesota	Recovery Community Network Recovery Is Happening Refocus Recovery 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
Ark of Safety Center, Inc.,
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)
Community Partners in Prevention
FaithWalk Ministry, Inc.
Fellowship of Acceptance
Footprints Inc.
Goliath House
Hanani House
Harvest Outreach
Healing House, Inc.
Hi-Tech Charities
Higher Ground Recovery Center
Humanity Speaks
In2Action
Lily's House
LIV Recovery Sober Living

Mission Gate Christian Center
Mission Gate Ministry
Mission Missouri
Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support
Providers (MCRSP)
Ozark Recovery Housing
Pieces Peaces
Powerhouse Community Development
Corporation
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
We Do Recover Community Center

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
Hufnagel Holistic Solutions
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
ROCovery 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
Trauma Resource Network
Wake Monarch Academy/Recovery High School
Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc.
Young People in Recovery - Greensboro Chapter

Ohio

12 Step Life
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

Oklahoma

Oklahoma CART Association

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
FAVOR Laurel Highlands
FAVOR Western PA
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
The RASE Project, Pennsylvania
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

Center for African American Recovery
Development
Colleton County Alcohol and Drug
(Pillars4Hope)
FAVOR Grand Strand
FAVOR Pee Dee, Inc.

FAVOR Piedmont
FAVOR Upstate
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
Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church
The GAAL House
Welcome Home Ministries

Texas

Anchor Recovery Community Centers
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
Houston Recovery Initiative
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
Rx Recovery
Texas Recovery Network Solutions
The House of Extra Measures-Men, LLC
The Network of Behavioral Health Providers, Inc.
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

Washington Recovery Alliance
Whitman College
Young People in Recovery - Olympia Chapter

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

Wisconsin

Families Fighting Addiction
Forward Brightly
HELIOS RECOVERY SERVICES LLC
Mandolin Foundation

Marinette County Group Home
Next Steps for Change, Inc.
Unity Recovery Services

Wyoming

Curran Seeley Foundation

Recover Wyoming

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