

March 20, 2017

The Honorable XXXXXX  
Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman XXXXX:

Thank you for your leadership in Congress on treatment and recovery programs for individuals and families struggling with substance use disorders.—As Congress begins to work on appropriations for FY 2018, we wanted to weigh in and express support for several federal programs that have a tremendous impact on those we serve in [insert state].

[Insert short paragraph about how your organization serves individuals in their community. It should be less focused on the organization and more on the people.]

**As the appropriations process begins for Fiscal Year 2018, we would like your support on the continued funding and implementation of the following programs:**

**Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Priorities**

- **The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act-** Section 302 is a grant program that provides support for building and enhancing communities of recovery. CARA has been authorized but not yet fully funded or implemented.
- **SAMHSA'S Recovery Community Services Program- Statewide Networks (RCSP-SN)-** a current grant program that further enhances the presence of Recovery Community Organizations as key partners in treatment, recovery, and affiliated health systems.
- **SAMHSA'S Treatment Capacity Enhancement Peer-to-Peer (TCE Peer-to-Peer) is** a current grant program that expands service capacity through the provision of peer recovery support services. A primary program objective is to help individuals achieve and maintain recovery and improve the overall quality of life for those being served.
- **SAMHSA'S Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SABT) Block Grant-** We urge you to make an adjustment that requires a 10% set aside of grant funds to support the provision of recovery support services by recovery community organizations.

**Commerce, Justice, and Science**

- **Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program-** a grant program that supports COAP grantees in incorporating peer recovery support as a component of effective programs. This program established a national training and technical assistance center to support peer recovery support partnerships in the criminal justice and child welfare systems.

Please make these vital programs among your funding priorities in FY 2018. Your support will ensure continuation of the critical funds needed to support substance use disorder treatment and recovery support in [insert state].

We truly appreciate your strong leadership and dedication to helping with these challenges.

Sincerely,

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