

August 13, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
The United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
521 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
The United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

As the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong support for the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Justice Grant Reauthorization Act of 2025 to extend the crucial Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Grant Program (COSSUP) to combat the opioid epidemic and improve evidence-based treatment and prevention of substance use disorders. COSSUP has maintained overwhelming bipartisan support since it was first enacted as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 and when it was reauthorized as part of the Support for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act) of 2018.

We share Congress's dedication and commitment to addressing the addiction crisis through evidence-based solutions and the expansion of treatment services. According to a recent report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), almost 48.5 million Americans aged 12 and older had a diagnosable substance use disorder in 2023, which is equivalent to more than 1 in 6 people.¹ These statistics demonstrate the devastating impacts on individuals, families, and communities across the nation, and it is imperative that our communities receive assistance in addressing the ongoing opioid epidemic.

COSSUP provides assistance to states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances. COSSUP's emphasis on partnership and collaboration across the public health, behavioral health, and public safety sectors allows for effective community responses to the opioid crisis. Previous COSSUP funding

¹Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2024). Key substance use and mental health indicators in the United States: Results from the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (HHS Publication No. PEP24-07-021, NSDUH Series H-59). Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/report/2023-nsduh-annual-national-report>

has been used to help law enforcement agencies identify individuals in need of substance use and misuse treatment services and connect these individuals to treatment services. COSSUP funding has also helped develop programs that embed social services with law enforcement to respond to opioid overdoses where children are impacted rapidly, as well as programs that provide transitional or recovery housing as part of a comprehensive response strategy.² As COSSUP subrecipients serve varying geographic locations - primarily rural communities, mid-sized communities, and projects that stretch over multiple jurisdictions - COSSUP grantees select projects that best serve the needs of their community, including expanding reentry supports, increasing access to naloxone for communities and first responders, implementing Drug Courts, and expanding access to medication-assisted treatment for incarcerated individuals or other community members with a substance use disorder.

Key COSSUP features that would be extended include:

1. Promoting public safety and supporting access to treatment and recovery services in the criminal justice system.
2. Strengthening the collection and sharing of data across systems to understand and address the impact of illicit substance use and misuse.
3. Aligning and maximizing resources across systems and leveraging different program funding.
4. Preventing illicit substance use and misuse.

We are grateful for Congress's work to provide comprehensive responses to addiction and the growing opioid epidemic in the United States. We thank you for your leadership, and we respectfully urge you to advance the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Justice Grant Reauthorization Act of 2025 to continue addressing the substance use disorder and overdose epidemic.

Sincerely,

1. Addiction Policy Forum
2. Addiction Professionals of North Carolina
3. Addiction Science Defense Network
4. Alcohol/Drug Abuse (ADA) Women's Center
5. Alliance for Addiction & Mental Health Services, Maine
6. Alvis, Inc.
7. American Jail Association
8. Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
9. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
10. Behavioral Health Foundation
11. Behavioral Health Innovators, Inc.

² Bureau of Justice Statistics. (2023). Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP). Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/cossup/about>

12. Benton Franklin Recovery Coalition
13. Boone County Drug Prevention Coalition
14. Bring Light Save Life
15. CADCA
16. Camelot Drug Addiction Program
17. Camelot of Staten Island Inc.
18. Carlsbad Community Anti-Drug/Gang Coalition, Inc.
19. Center for Adolescent Behavioral Health Research, Boston Children's Hospital
20. Center for Employment Opportunities
21. Cheshire County Department of Corrections
22. Clean Slate Centers
23. Cleft
24. Community Prevention Coalition of Teton County
25. Cornerstone Community Housing, Inc.
26. Crosswinds Recovery
27. Dayspring Foundation
28. Dayton Dream Center
29. Decoach Recovery Centre
30. Devin J. Norring Foundation
31. Drug Intervention Institute
32. Earth Neighborhood Productions
33. East End Community Services
34. Eluna
35. Ethnic Community Opioid Response Network-Missouri (ECORN-MO)
36. F.A.I.T.H. Behavioral Services and Wellness Center
37. Faith, Mercy & Truth Ministry International
38. FOA-Families of Addicts
39. Genesis Behavioral Health Services, Inc
40. Grant County Minority Health Coalition
41. Hancock County ADAMHS Board
42. Harm Reduction Research Lab, University of Arizona College of Nursing
43. Hope House Treatment Centers
44. HOR House of Restoration Community Solutions
45. Huntington QRT
46. Hurley House; Denver
47. INCASE International Coalition for Addiction Studies Education
48. Institute for Behavior and Health, Inc.
49. Iowa Behavioral Health Association
50. Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition
51. Jenks Forensic Addiction Services
52. KMDG & Associates
53. Kentucky Alliance of Recovery Residences
54. Kohnlinq, Inc.
55. Latino Ministers of New Jersey For Justice

56. Light of Truth Center, Inc.
57. Long Island Recovery Association
58. Maddie Wright Foundation
59. Madison County Recovery Allies
60. Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)
61. Mandolin Foundation Limited
62. Matt Talbot Institute for Addiction Studies
63. Mental Health Counseling for Individuals and Couples, LLC
64. Merrimack Police Department
65. Miami County Probation
66. Mighty Crow Media, LLC
67. Mississippi Society of Addiction Medicine
68. Missouri Works Initiative
69. Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Inc.
70. NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals
71. NACoA - National Association for Children Impacted by Addiction
72. National Association of Counties
73. National Council for Mental Wellbeing
74. National League of Cities
75. National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives
76. New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
77. New Jersey Center For Empowerment and Community Development
78. No More ODs, Inc.
79. North Dakota Office of Recovery & Reentry
80. Northwest HIDTA
81. Objective Recovery, Inc.
82. OCBH (Oregon Council for Behavioral Health)
83. OhioCAN, Change Addiction Now
84. Pendleton County Champions Inc.
85. Pickaway County Public Health Department
86. Power Forward, Inc.
87. Psychiatric Consultation & Specialty Services, LLC
88. Richmond Mental Health Coaching Ministry
89. SAFE Project
90. San Francisco Drug Users Union
91. Serenity Sistas Inc.
92. Shatterproof
93. Sober AF Entertainment
94. South Florida Wellness Network
95. Substance Abuse Services, Inc.
96. TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities)
97. The BROCK Foundation
98. The Counseling Coalition, LLC
99. The Damien Center Inc.

100. The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors (NASADAD)
101. The RASE Project
102. The United States Conference of Mayors
103. Today I Matter, Inc.
104. Too Far Out Farm, LLC
105. To the Moon and Back
106. Treatment Communities of America
107. Tyler's Redemption Place
108. Village Venture LLC
109. Wake Up Nevada
110. WeKonnnect, LLC
111. West Carroll Parish Partners in Prevention
112. YES House