

ADVOCATES | FOR OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone,

The Advocates for Opioid Addiction Treatment (AOAT) endorses H.R. 2483, the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025*, and urges your committee to favorably report this important legislation on April 2, 2025.

AOAT is comprised of more than 700 opioid treatment program (OTP) facilities and office-based opioid treatment (OBOT) providers in 46 states. Our health care teams provide lifesaving Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) to roughly 215,000 patients every day. We employ physicians, pharmacists, nurses, counselors, peer support/recovery coaches, administrators, and clerical staff to form interdisciplinary treatment teams that provide comprehensive, evidence-based care to patients suffering from opioid use disorder (OUD).

Last month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a nearly 24% decline in drug overdose deaths from September 2023 through September 2024. The number of overdose deaths during this 12-month period was the lowest since June 2020. Without question, the bipartisan SUPPORT Act of 2018, which expanded access to treatment and began addressing treatment workforce shortages played a critical role in reversing the tragic and deadly overdose trend and saving lives.

We applaud your and the committee's bipartisan leadership in combating the opioid epidemic and remain ready to work with you to continue the important progress that has been made.