

Parity *Now* Coalition

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The Honorable Patrick Kennedy
407 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Ramstad
103 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kennedy and Representative Ramstad:

The undersigned organizations applaud you for your commitment to mental health and addiction parity legislation. We wish to thank you and your staffs for the countless hours you have dedicated to this bill thus far and look forward to working with you towards enacting the *Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007* into law.

We hereby lend our formal support to this invaluable piece of legislation.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AIDs Action Council	Association of Recovery Schools
Alliance for Children and Families	Association of University Centers on Disabilities
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
American Academy of HIV Medicine	Betty Ford Center
American Academy of Neurology	Bradford Health Services
American Academy of Pediatrics	Caron Treatment Centers
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry	Center for Clinical Social Work
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy	Center for Science in the Public Interest
American Association for Psychological Rehabilitation	Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence	Child Welfare League of America
American Association of Children's Residential Centers	Clinical Social Work Association
American Association of Pastoral Counselors	Clinical Social Work Guild 49, OPEIU
American Association of Suicidology	Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine	Cumberland Heights
American Counseling Association	Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
American Federation of Teachers	Easter Seals
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy and Action
American Group Psychotherapy Association	Eating Disorder Referral and Information Center/EDReferral.com
American Hospital Association	Faces and Voices of Recovery
American Medical Association	Families for Depression Awareness
American Mental Health Counselors Association	Families USA
American Music Therapy Association	Family Voices
American Nurses Association	Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
American Occupational Therapy Association	Hazelden Foundation
American Psychoanalytic Association	HIV Medicine Association
American Psychotherapy Association	Housing Works, Inc
American Probation and Parole Association	Human Rights Campaign
American Public Health Association	Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research
American School Health Association	Johnson Institute
American Society of Addiction Medicine	Kids Project
Anna Westin Foundation	Legal Action Center
Anxiety Disorders Association of America	Mental Health America
Association for the Advancement of Psychology	
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare	
Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies	

organizations supporting strong federal mental health and addiction parity legislation
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NAADAC – The Association for Addiction Professionals
 National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
 National Advocates for Pregnant Women
 National Alliance of Methadone Advocates
 National Alliance to End Homelessness
 National Association for Children of Alcoholics
 National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
 National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders – ANAD
 National Association of County and City Health Officials
 National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
 National Association of Mental Health Planning & Advisory Councils
 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
 National Association of School Psychologists
 National Association of Social Workers
 National Association of State Directors of Special Education
 National Association on Alcohol, Drugs and Disability, Inc.
 National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
 National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
 National Council on Independent Living
 National Development and Research Institutes, Inc. (NDRI)
 National Eating Disorders Association
 National Eating Disorders Coalition
 National Educational Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder
 National Education Association
 National Hispanic Medical Association
 National Mental Health Awareness Campaign
 National Recreation and Park Association
 National Research Center for Women & Families
 Northamerican Association of Masters in Psychology
 Obsessive Compulsive Foundation
 Partnership for a Drug-Free America
 Recovery Network Foundation
 School Social Work Association of America
 Society for Research on Child Development
 Society of Professors of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
 Students for Sensible Drug Policy
 Suicide Prevention Action Network USA
 State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS)
 Therapeutic Communities of America
 TII CANN – Title II Community AIDS National Network
 Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.
 United Jewish Community
 United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
 United Neighborhood Centers of America
 U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
 Wellstone Action

LOCAL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS

622 Communities Partnership, Inc., Minnesota Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc
 Abilities in Motion
 Addiction Recovery Institute
 Addiction Resource Council
 Advocates for Recovery
 Alabama Voices for Recovery & Drug Education Council
 Alcohol and Addictions Resource Center
 Alcohol and Drug Council of North Carolina
 Alcoholism Council of New York
 Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area, NCADD
 Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
 Alliance for Recovery
 Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc.
 Alpha Project for the Homeless
 Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
 Aspire of Western New York, Inc.
 Barbara Schneider Foundation
 BRiDGES, Madison County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc.
 Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
 California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources
 California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives
 Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC)
 Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.
 Colorado Association of Alcohol & Drug Service Providers
 Connecticut Association of Non-Profits
 Council on Addictions of New York State (CANYS) Inc.
 Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for Greater New Orleans
 Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Sullivan County, Inc.
 Council on Substance Abuse – NCADD
 County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California
 DePaul’s National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Rochester Area
 Detroit Recovery Project
 Division for Learning Disabilities of the Council for Exceptional Children
 Dora Weiner Foundation
 Drug and Alcohol Service Providers
 Organization of Pennsylvania
 The Elisa Project
 Employee & Family Resources, Inc.
 Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc.

Exponents
 Feeling Blue Suicide Prevention Center
 Focus on Community
 Faces and Voices of Recovery – Westchester
 Friends of Delaware and Otsego Counties, Inc.
 Friends of Recovery – Monroe County
 Friends of Recovery – Vermont
 Gail R. Schoenbach/FREED Foundation
 Gateway Foundation
 Georgia Council on Substance Abuse
 GLAD House, Inc.
 Greater Flint Project Vox
 Greater Macomb Project Vox
 Gurze Books
 Hanley Center
 Harbor Hall, Inc.
 Hope4you
 Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association
 Iowa Substance Abuse Program Directors' Association
 Jawonio, Inc.
 Kingdom Recovery Center
 Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc.
 Maine Alliance for Addiction Recovery (MAAR)
 Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs
 Maine Substance Abuse Foundation
 Maryland Chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
 Maryland NAMA
 McHenry County Mental Health Board (IL)
 McShin Foundation
 Methadone Support Org.
 Michigan Association of License Substance Abuse Organizations
 Missouri Recovery Network
 Missouri Recovery Network – Jefferson City Chapter
 M-Power, Inc.
 Nantucket Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc.
 Nantucket Behavioral Health
 NCADD, Greater Kansas City
 NCADD, Michigan
 NCADD, South Bay
 NCADD, Greater Detroit Area
 NCADD, Long Beach
 NCADD, Middlesex County, Inc.
 NCADD, New Jersey
 NCADD, Northwest Florida
 NCADD, Phoenix
 NCADD, Sacramento Region Affiliate
 NCADD, San Fernando Valley
 NCADD, Silicon Valley
 NCADD, St. Louis Area
 NCADD, Tulare County, Inc.
 National Council on Alcoholism/Lansing Regional Area, Inc
 Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
 New England National Alliance of Methadone Advocates
 New Hampshire Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers Association
 New York AIDS Coalition
 NJ Advocates – NJ Chapter of NAMA
 Northern California Chapter of the National Alliance of Methadone Advocates
 Northern Michigan Project Vox
 Northpointe Council, Inc.
 Ohio Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency Prevention & Treatment
 Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers
 Oklahoma Faces and Voices of Recovery
 Ophelia's Place
 PAR – People Advocating Recovery
 Parent-To-Parent, Inc.
 Pennsylvania Recovery Organization – Achieving Community Together (PRO-ACT)
 Puente de Vida
 Recovery Center
 Recovery Consultants of Atlanta, Inc.
 Recovery Resources
 Rockland Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence
 Samaritan Village
 Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA) of Virginia
 Substance Abuse Recovery Alliance of Utah
 Suicide Awareness Voice of Education
 The Council on Substance Abuse & Mental Health
 The Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs
 The Maine Substance Abuse Foundation
 The RASE Project/Buprenorphine Coordinator Program
 The Second Road, Inc.
 Transformation Center
 Turning Point Recovery Center
 Upstate Cerebral Palsy (NY)
 Vericare Management
 Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors
 Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol Programs
 Volunteers of America Alaska