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House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi  
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Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leaders Reid and Pelosi:

We write today to share our strong support for H.R. 34, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and hope Congress will move quickly to send the bill to the President's desk before the end of the session.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act not only includes key provisions to address rare diseases and medical innovation, but it also includes many important provisions that expand our response to addiction, including \$1 billion dollars in funding for grants to fight the opioid epidemic.

Passage of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act will help further implement a comprehensive response to addiction in the following ways:

1. Authorizes **\$1 billion dollars for states in grants** to address addiction through a comprehensive response that includes prevention, treatment, prescription drug monitoring programs, opioid treatment programs, and other key components;
2. Creates **federal drug courts**, which will help better serve the 6.8 million people involved in the federal criminal justice system;
3. Encourages **integration of care** for substance use disorders with primary care for patients with mental and/or substance use disorders by making it a condition for state-level grant dollars;
4. Creates a new program for **alternatives to incarceration** for individuals with substance use disorders;
5. Reauthorizes the **STOP Act** (Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking) to continue to address underage drinking and adds new prevention, screening, and intervention provisions;

6. Increases **training for prevention, treatment and recovery support** workforces; and,
7. Authorizes \$12.5 million to strengthen **community crisis response** systems for substance use and mental disorders.

We appreciate your leadership in ensuring swift enactment of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures, which will provide the resources necessary to better address addiction in communities nationwide.

Sincerely,

1. Addiction Policy Forum
2. A New PATH
3. Advocates for Recovery Colorado
4. Alano Club of Portland
5. Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA)
6. Association of Recovery Schools
7. Bangor Area Recovery Network, Inc.
8. California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals
9. Capital Area Project Vox
10. Caron Treatment Centers
11. Center for Recovery and Wellness Resources
12. Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition (CRCC)
13. Communities for Recovery
14. Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
15. Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)
16. DarJune Recovery Support Services & Cafe
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18. DC Recovery Community Alliance
19. Detroit Recovery Project, Inc.
20. Dorchester Recovery Initiative
21. Easy Does It, Inc.
22. El Paso Alliance
23. Engaged Recovery Community Services
24. Faces & Voices of Recovery
25. FAVOR Greenville
26. FAVOR Mississippi Recovery Advocacy Project
27. FAVOR Pee Dee
28. FAVOR Tri-County
29. Fellowship Foundation Recovery Community Organization
30. Floridians for Recovery
31. Foundation for Recovery
32. Friends of Recovery - New York
33. Gem County Recovery Community Center
34. Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

35. Greater Macomb Project Vox
36. HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery
37. Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
38. Indivior, Inc.
39. International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium
40. International Community Corrections Association
41. Jackson Area Recovery Community
42. Juneau Recovery Community
43. Latah Recovery Center
44. Lifehouse Recovery Connection
45. Long Island Recovery Association (LIRA)
46. Lost Dreams Awaken Center, Inc.
47. Lotus Peer Recovery/SoberKerrville
48. Maine Alliance for Addiction Recovery
49. Maryland Recovery Organization Connecting Communities (M-ROCC)
50. Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR)
51. Message Carriers of Pennsylvania, Inc.
52. Mi-HOPE - Michigan Heroin & Opiate Prevention and Education
53. Michigan Recovery Voices
54. Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow (SMART)
55. Minnesota Recovery Connection
56. Missouri Recovery Network
57. National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
58. National Association for Children of Alcoholics
59. National Council for Behavioral Health
60. Navigate Recovery
61. Newport Brain Research Laboratory
62. Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA)
63. Oklahoma Citizen Advocates for Recovery & Treatment Association (OCARTA)
64. P.E.E.R Wellness Center, Inc.
65. PEER360 Recovery Alliance
66. Pennsylvania Recovery Organization - Achieving Community Together - (PRO-ACT)
67. Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance (PRO-A)
68. People Advocating Recovery - PAR
69. PLR Athens
70. RASE Project
71. REAL-Michigan (Recovery, Education, Advocacy & Leadership)
72. Recover Project/Western MA Training
73. Recover Wyoming
74. Recovery - Friendly Taos County
75. Recovery Allies Of West Michigan
76. Recovery Communities of North Carolina
77. Recovery Community Of Durham
78. Recovery Consultants of Atlanta
79. Recovery Idaho, Inc.

80. Recovery is Happening
81. RecoveryATX
82. RecoveryNC (Governors Institute on Substance Abuse)
83. reGROUP
84. Rhode Island Communities for Addiction Recovery Efforts (RICAREs)
85. Shatterproof
86. SMART Recovery
87. Solano Recovery Project
88. Springs Recovery Connection
89. T.O.R.C.H Inc.
90. The Bridge Foundation
91. The DOOR - DeKalb Open Opportunity for Recovery
92. The McShin Foundation
93. The Moyer Foundation
94. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse
95. The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids
96. The Police Foundation
97. Tia Hart Recovery Community Program
98. Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), Inc.
99. Treatment Communities of America
100. TrilogY Recovery Community
101. Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA)
102. Vermont Recovery Network
103. Virginia Association of Recovery Residences
104. Voices of Hope for Cecil County
105. Voices of Recovery San Mateo County
106. WAI-IAM, Inc. and RISE Recovery Community
107. Washtenaw Recovery Advocacy Project (WRAP)
108. WholeLife Recovery Community/ Arizona Recovery Coalition
109. Wisconsin Recovery Community Organization (WIRCO)
110. Wisconsin Voices for Recovery