

COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION RESOURCES EMERGENCY (CARE) ACT
Senator Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Elijah E. Cummings

STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

- **“For nearly thirty years, the Ryan White CARE act has successfully provided life-saving support to people with HIV/AIDS. Problem-solving leaders should be using it as a model for helping vulnerable populations deal with new health threats in today’s society.”**

Former Chairman Henry A. Waxman
Author, Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act

- **“Ryan White CARE Act has been—and continues to be—critical in AIDS response. Sustained federal funding is essential when dealing with a public health crisis. Thank you Senator Warren and Representative Cummings.”**

amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research

- **“In Baltimore, we are being limited in our ability to save lives. We need specific and sustained funding, directly to local jurisdictions that are the hardest hit. Cities and counties are at the forefront of the opioid epidemic. We know what works. A ‘Ryan White’ program is what we need to save lives and turn the tide.”**

Dr. Leana Wen, Baltimore City Health Commissioner

- **“On behalf of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, I applaud Senator Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Elijah E. Cummings for the introduction of the Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. I especially welcome their leadership in identifying the need for model standards for the regulation of substance use disorder treatment programs; affordable naloxone access for local communities, and passage of S. 2317, the Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act of 2018. Addiction is a chronic brain disease that often requires long-term treatment and support. The introduction of the CARE Act is one more historic step toward a day when our nation’s addiction treatment infrastructure can consistently deliver affordable, evidence-based, and comprehensive addiction treatment to those in need.”**

Kelly J. Clark, President, American Society of Addiction Medicine

- **“We’re glad to see Sen. Warren and Rep. Cummings take this important step in prioritizing treatment and confronting the opioid crisis as the public health emergency it truly represents. Their actions come as the Trump administration is attempting to reintroduce failed, draconian war on drugs style policy that will only drive up incarceration without getting people the assistance they need. The proven strategy for halting the opioid epidemic is treatment and prevention. The Brennan Center recently released a report recommending exactly these types of interventions. We should focus on what we know works instead of policies that have previously led us down a dangerous, pro-incarceration path.”**

Ames Grawert, Senior Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law

ENDORSEMENTS

AIDS United

amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research

Association for Behavioral Healthcare

Baltimore City Health Department

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

Drug Policy Alliance

Harm Reduction Coalition

Massachusetts Medical Society

National Association of Counties

National Association of County & City Health Officials

National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

National Council for Behavioral Health

National HIDTA Directors Association

National Indian Health Board

Seattle Indian Health Board

United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund

Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)