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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515-0512

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Re: Act Now to Prevent Opioid Addiction Before It Starts With the NOPAIN Act

Dear Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Senate Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and House Minority Leader McCarthy:

220 Americans died every day from an opioid-related overdose in 2021.

220 Americans... Every. Single. Day.

Over the past ten years, Congress has dedicated hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars towards this epidemic. But as the personal and economic toll of the opioid addiction crisis has grown, Congress has only focused on reactive solutions. We desperately need a new approach. We cannot simply throw money at the problem. Well-intentioned, costly efforts have been largely in vain, as the crisis shows no signs of slowing.

We need to start upstream, and stop opioid addiction before it starts. And we need to do it now.

The Non-Opioids Prevent Addiction in the Nation (“NOPAIN”) Act would accomplish just this. The NOPAIN Act (S. 586/H.R. 3259) will prevent opioid addiction in the country by encouraging the use of non-opioid pain management approaches.

We urge you to include this potentially life-saving legislation in any year-end legislative package.

The time is now: we cannot afford to wait another minute.

Because lives are on the line.

Signed,

7,759 of your fellow Americans