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### **Alternatives to PAIN Act Reaches 100 Bipartisan Cosponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC (June 30, 2026)** – Voices for Non-Opioid Choices ("Voices") today applauded a major milestone for the bipartisan *Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation Act (Alternatives to PAIN) Act* (H.R.1227), as the legislation surpassed 100 cosponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Reintroduced in the 119th Congress by Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA), Nanette Barragán (D-CA), Mike Kelly (R-PA), and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), the *Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation ('Alternatives to PAIN')* Act would expand access to FDA-approved non-opioid pain management therapies for Medicare Part D beneficiaries. The legislation addresses unnecessary coverage barriers—such as high cost-sharing and utilization management requirements—that often limit patient choice and steer patients toward prescription opioids for acute pain incidents, such as an accident, trauma, sports injury, or surgery.

The milestone comes as Congress continues to examine policy solutions to address the opioid addiction crisis and improve access to non-opioid approaches to pain management. In March, the bill was included in a House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee [legislative hearing](#), underscoring the growing recognition of the need to advance prevention-focused solutions that reduce unnecessary exposure to prescription opioids.

“We are encouraged to see that some progress has been made on the opioid addiction crisis facing our nation,” **said Rep. Miller-Meeks (R-IA) who is one of the sponsors of the bill.** “We must continue this progress by doubling down on efforts to prevent opioid addiction before it starts. That’s the idea behind this bill.”

“While we’ve made some progress, more than 120 Americans are still dying each day from opioid overdoses,” **said Rep. Barragán (D-CA), a lead sponsor of the bill.** “We know addiction often begins with a prescription, and too many patients don’t have safer alternatives. This legislation is about expanding options so patients and their doctors can make better, more informed choices about pain management.”

As communities across the country continue to suffer the devastating consequences of the opioid addiction crisis, Congress has a clear opportunity to act on a prevention-focused solution.

“Reaching 100 cosponsors sends a clear message: Congress understands that preventing opioid addiction must begin before the first prescription is written,” **said Chris Fox, Executive Director of Voices for Non-Opioid Choices.** “Families in every state have felt the heartbreak of the opioid crisis, and we cannot afford to keep treating prevention as an afterthought.”

Voices continues to call on House leadership and the committees of jurisdiction to move the *Alternatives to PAIN Act* forward as part of a broader commitment to preventing opioid addiction before it begins and expanding true patient choice in pain management.

### **About Voices for Non-Opioid Choices**

Voices for Non-Opioid Choices is a nonpartisan coalition committed to preventing opioid addiction by promoting access to non-opioid therapies for managing acute pain. The coalition works tirelessly to ensure that all Americans can benefit from effective, non-addictive pain management options, regardless of their healthcare coverage or setting. For more information, visit [www.nonopioidchoices.org](http://www.nonopioidchoices.org).