

April 1, 2025

**The Honorable Brett Guthrie**

*Chairman*

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Washington, D.C. 20515

**The Honorable Frank Pallone**

*Ranking Member*

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE:** Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Hearing on Improving Post-Acute Care

Dear Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC), I am writing to express our strong support for the reauthorization of H.R. 2483, the “Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act.” Enacted in October 2018 with strong bipartisan backing, The SUPPORT Act has been instrumental in bolstering the nation’s response to the opioid crisis by expanding access to treatment, recovery services, and prevention efforts.

HLC is an association of CEOs and C-suite executives from all sectors of healthcare working to shape the future of the U.S. healthcare system. HLC is the exclusive forum for the nation’s healthcare industry leaders to lead on major, sector-wide issues, generate innovative solutions to unleash private sector ingenuity, and advocate for policies to improve our nation’s healthcare delivery system. Members of HLC – hospitals, academic health centers, health plans, pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, laboratories, biotech firms, health product distributors/wholesalers, post-acute care providers, homecare providers, group purchasing organizations, and information technology companies – advocate for measures to increase the quality and efficiency of healthcare through a patient-centered approach.

The SUPPORT Act established a comprehensive framework to combat the opioid epidemic by enhancing prevention, treatment, and recovery services, while also strengthening law enforcement efforts and improving care coordination. Since its enactment, this landmark legislation has led to significant progress, including:

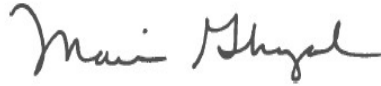
- Expanding access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and behavioral health services.
- Improving care for infants exposed to opioids and other substances.
- Increasing resources for communities to implement evidence-based prevention and treatment programs.
- Strengthening the ability of healthcare providers to identify and respond to substance use disorders more effectively.

Despite this progress, the opioid crisis continues to evolve, with rising concerns over the increasing prevalence of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. It is imperative that Congress renew and strengthen the provisions of the SUPPORT Act to ensure that communities continue to have the necessary resources, tools, and innovations to address this ongoing public health emergency.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to address this critical issue. HLC strongly urges the Committee to prioritize the reauthorization of the SUPPORT Act to maintain the momentum in the fight against the opioid crisis and safeguard the health and well-being of millions of

Americans. We remain committed to collaborating with you to advance policies that address substance use disorders and improve care for those in need. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Katie Mahoney](#), Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maria Ghazal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Maria" and last name "Ghazal" clearly distinguishable.

Maria Ghazal  
*President & CEO*

