



The Honorable [Full Name]  
United States Senate  
[Senate Office Building & Room Number]  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable [Full Name]  
U.S. House of Representatives  
[House Office Building & Room Number]  
Washington, DC 20515

Date: May 7, 2026

Re: Addiction Science Under Siege: The 2025 Impact of Federal Actions on Research, Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery

Dear Representative/Senator [Last Name]:

As a large nonpartisan group of organizations and individuals committed to addressing the problems connected with addiction, we are writing to ask you to take immediate action to protect the infrastructure for addiction science, prevention and treatment that has been authorized by Congress and funded by American taxpayers over the past 50 years.

The attached report, *Addiction Science Under Siege*, provides the most comprehensive assessment to date of how changes in federal policy, funding, staffing, and data systems during 2025 affected the scientific and public health infrastructure that underpins addiction prevention and treatment nationwide.

Authored by an interdisciplinary working group of leading scientists, clinicians, economists, and former federal officials, the report finds that abrupt grant terminations, workforce reductions, restructuring of federal agencies, and the removal or alteration of critical public health datasets have collectively undermined addiction research and practice at a time when substance-related harms remain historically high.

The [Addiction Science Defense Network](#), which commissioned the report, advocates for the more than 30,000 psychologists, psychiatrists, biologists, geneticists, neuroscientists, epidemiologists, economists, sociologists, counsellors, social workers, nurses and many other highly trained professionals who have devoted their careers to addiction science, treatment development and clinical practice.

STATE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE: In the State of [STATE], the economic costs of cuts to these budgets could be devastating. During 2024 alone, \$1.08 billion was awarded to NIH grant recipients in [STATE], including [XXX]. According to United for Medical Research, a coalition of leading

research organizations, the \$1.08 billion awarded to [STATE] institutions through those grants supported [XXX] jobs and \$[XXX] billion in economic activity in 2024. Those investments have been critical to [STATE's] research infrastructure and ability to combat addiction.

Given the devastating effects of addiction on your state's families and communities, we strongly encourage you to read the report and follow its recommendations.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact [NAME, TITLE, EMAIL].

Respectfully,