

Parity Now Coalition

February 28, 2008

The Honorable Patrick Kennedy
407 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Ramstad
103 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kennedy and Representative Ramstad:

The undersigned organizations applaud you for your commitment to mental health and addiction parity legislation. We wish to thank you and your staffs for the countless hours you have dedicated to this bill thus far and look forward to working with you towards enacting the *Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007* into law.

We hereby lend our formal support to this invaluable piece of legislation.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AIDs Action Council
Alliance for Children and Families
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of HIV Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association for Psychological Rehabilitation
American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence
American Association of Children's Residential Centers
American Association of Pastoral Counselors
American Association of Suicidology
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
American Counseling Association
American Federation of Teachers
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Group Psychotherapy Association
American Hospital Association
American Medical Association
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Music Therapy Association
American Nurses Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Psychoanalytic Association
American Psychotherapy Association
American Probation and Parole Association
American Public Health Association
American School Health Association
American Society of Addiction Medicine
Anna Westin Foundation
Anxiety Disorders Association of America
Association for the Advancement of Psychology
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare
Association for Psychological Science
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies
Association of Recovery Schools
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Betty Ford Center
Bradford Health Services
Caron Treatment Centers
Center for Clinical Social Work
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Child Welfare League of America
Clinical Social Work Association
Clinical Social Work Guild 49, OPEIU
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
Cumberland Heights
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Easter Seals
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy and Action
Eating Disorder Referral and Information Center/EDReferral.com
Entertainment Industries Council
Faces and Voices of Recovery
Families for Depression Awareness
Families USA
Family Voices
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
First Focus
Hazelden Foundation
HIV Medicine Association
Housing Works, Inc

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Human Rights Campaign
Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research
Johnson Institute
Kids Project
Legal Action Center
Mental Health America
NAADAC – The Association for Addiction Professionals
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Advocates for Pregnant Women
National Alliance of Methadone Advocates
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Association for Children of Alcoholics
National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders – ANAD
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
National Association of Mental Health Planning & Advisory Councils
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Association on Alcohol, Drugs and Disability, Inc.
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)
National Council on Independent Living
National Development and Research Institutes, Inc. (NDRI)
National Eating Disorders Association
National Eating Disorders Coalition

National Educational Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder
National Education Association
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Mental Health Awareness Campaign
National Recreation and Park Association
National Research Center for Women & Families
National Rural Health Association
Northamerican Association of Masters in Psychology
Obsessive Compulsive Foundation
PACER Center
Partnership for a Drug-Free America
Presbyterian Church (USA) Washington Office
Recovery Network Foundation
School Social Work Association of America
Society for Research on Child Development
Society of Professors of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA
State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS)
Therapeutic Communities of America
TII CANN – Title II Community AIDS National Network
Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.
Union for Reform Judaism
United Jewish Community
United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
United Neighborhood Centers of America
U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Wellstone Action

LOCAL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS

622 Communities Partnership, Inc., Minnesota Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc
AA Safe Haven
Abilities in Motion
Addiction Recovery Institute
Addiction Resource Council
Addiction Treatment Providers of New Jersey
Advocates for Recovery
Alabama Voices for Recovery & Drug Education Council
Alcohol and Addictions Resource Center
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Delaware County, Inc.
Alcohol and Drug Council of North Carolina
Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of New York State
Alcoholism Council of New York
Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area, NCADD
Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
Alliance for Recovery
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc.
Alpha Project for the Homeless

A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing)
Anacostia Young Peoples Club
Arizona Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
Arkansas Association of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs
Association of Persons Affected by Addiction
Association of Substance Abuse Programs of Texas
Aspire of Western New York, Inc.
Barbara Schneider Foundation
Behavioral Health Services Association of South Carolina
BRiDGEs, Madison County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc.
Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

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Burke Council on Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency, Inc.
California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources
California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives
California Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors
Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC)
Children's Health Initiative
Chemical Dependency Center of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc.
Coalition of Louisiana Addiction Prevention and Service Providers
Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.
Colorado Association of Alcohol & Drug Service Providers
Community and Family Resources
Compassionate Women of the World
Connecticut Association of Addiction Professionals
Connecticut Association of Non-Profits
Council on Addictions of New York State (CANYS)
Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for Greater New Orleans
Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Sullivan County
Council on Substance Abuse – NCADD
The Council on Substance Abuse & Mental Health
County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California
Dads and Daughters
Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Rochester Area
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Detroit Recovery Project
Division for Learning Disabilities of the Council for Exceptional Children
Dora Weiner Foundation
Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island
The Elisa Project
Employee & Family Resources, Inc.
Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc.
Exponents
Faces and Voices of Recover – Greenville, SC
Faces and Voices of Recovery - Pee Dee
Faces and Voices of Recovery – South Carolina
Faces and Voices of Recovery – Westchester
Feeling Blue Suicide Prevention Center
Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association
Focus on Community
Friends of Delaware and Otsego Counties, Inc.
Friends of Recovery – Monroe County
Friends of Recovery – Vermont
Gail R. Schoenbach/FREED Foundation
Gateway Foundation

Georgia Council on Substance Abuse
GLAD House, Inc.
Greater Flint Project Vox
Greater Macomb Project Vox
Gurze Books
Hanley Center
Harbor Hall, Inc.
Hope4you
Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association
Indiana Association of Substance Abuse Providers
Iowa Substance Abuse Program Directors' Association
Jawonio, Inc.
Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals
Kingdom Recovery Center
Kristin Brooks Hope Center
Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
Maine Alliance for Addiction Recovery (MAAR)
Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs
Maine Substance Abuse Foundation
Maryland Addictions Director's Council
Maryland Chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
Maryland NAMA
Massachusetts Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
Massachusetts Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Counselors McHenry County Mental Health Board (IL)
McShin Foundation
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of Massachusetts
Methadone Support Org.
Michigan Association of License Substance Abuse Organizations
Mississippi Association of Addiction Services
Missouri Addiction Counselor Association
Missouri Association of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs
Missouri Recovery Network
Missouri Recovery Network – Jefferson City Chapter
Montana Addiction Service Providers
Montana Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
M-Power, Inc.
Mountain Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence

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Nantucket Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc.
Nantucket Behavioral Health
National Alliance on Mental Illness, Minnesota
National Alliance on Mental Illness, Rhode Island
NCADD, Greater Kansas City
NCADD, Michigan
NCADD, South Bay
NCADD, Greater Detroit Area
NCADD, Long Beach
NCADD, Middlesex County, Inc.
NCADD, New Jersey
NCADD, Northwest Florida
NCADD, Orange County
NCADD, Phoenix
NCADD, Sacramento Region Affiliate
NCADD, San Fernando Valley
NCADD, Silicon Valley
NCADD, St. Louis Area
NCADD, Tulare County, Inc.
National Council on Alcoholism/Lansing Regional Area, Inc
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
Nevada Alliance for Addictive Disorders Advocacy,
Prevention & Treatment Services
New England National Alliance of Methadone Advocates
New Hampshire Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers
Association
New York AIDS Coalition
NJ Advocates – NJ Chapter of NAMA
Nick's Place
North Carolina Association of Alcoholic Residential
Facilities
North Carolina Substance Abuse Providers Association
North Dakota Addiction Treatment Providers Coalition
Northern California Chapter of the National Alliance of
Methadone Advocates
Northern Michigan Project Vox
Northpointe Council, Inc.
Ohio Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency
Prevention & Treatment
Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers
Oklahoma Faces and Voices of Recovery
Oklahoma Substance Abuse Services Alliance
Ophelia's Place
Oregon Prevention, Recovery, and Education Association
PAR – People Advocating Recovery
Parent-To-Parent, Inc.
Pennsylvania Recovery Organization – Achieving
Community Together (PRO-ACT)
Puente de Vida

The RASE Project/Buprenorphine Coordinator
Program
Recovery Center
Recovery Consultants of Atlanta, Inc.
Recovery Resource Center
Volunteers of America Alaska
Royal Oak (Michigan) Save Our Youth Task
Force
Recovery Resources
Rockland Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug
Dependence
Samaritan Village
Seaway Valley Prevention Council
The Second Road, Inc.
Society of Addiction Counselors of Colorado
South Carolina Association of Alcohol and Drug
Abuse Counselors
South Dakota Association for Addiction
Professionals
South Dakota Council of Substance Abuse
Providers
Spirit Works Foundation Center for the Soul
Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery
Alliance (SAARA) of Virginia
Substance Abuse Directors Association of
Alaska
Substance Abuse Recovery Alliance of Utah
Suicide Awareness Voice of Education
Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug, &
Addiction Services
Townsend Recovery, LLC
Transformation Center
Turning Point Recovery Center
Upstate Cerebral Palsy (NY)
Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network
Vericare Management
Vermont Association of Drug & Alcohol
Programs
Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug
Counselors
Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol
Programs
Washington Association of Alcoholism &
Addiction Programs
Western Massachusetts School Substance
Abuse Counselors Association
West Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug
Abuse Counselors, Inc.