

# HR 6

# SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT



Opioid addiction continues to take the lives of more than 100 Americans each and every day. But it's what's behind the numbers that matters. These are real people, with real stories, who tragically lost their bright futures, and left loved ones behind. And so, we have come together to advance legislation that will help combat the opioid crisis, which has left a mark on nearly every family across this country.

**H.R. 6, the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act**, introduced by Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR), Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX), Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), and Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-MA), will help in our overall efforts to advance treatment and recovery initiatives, improve prevention, protect our communities, and bolster our efforts to fight deadly illicit synthetic drugs like fentanyl.

The **SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act** follows the passage of the [Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act](#) and the [21st Century Cures Act](#) last Congress, as well as the [\\$4 billion appropriated in the omnibus](#) earlier this year to help combat the opioid crisis. This is the most significant congressional effort against a single drug crisis in history.

## **How the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act will Help Combat the Opioid Crisis:**

### **Treatment and Recovery**

- Improve and expand access to treatment and recovery services
- Provide incentives for enhanced care, coordination, and innovation
- Establish comprehensive opioid recovery centers

### **Prevention**

- Encourage non-addictive opioid alternatives to treat pain
- Improve data to identify and help at-risk patients and families
- Address high prescribing rates while enhancing prescription drug monitoring programs

### **Protecting Communities**

- Give law enforcement tools to get dangerous drugs out of our communities
- Better intercept illicit opioids at international mail facilities
- Improve access to federal resources for local communities

### **Fighting Fentanyl**

- Better tackle ever-changing synthetic drugs
- Crack down on foreign shipments of illicit drugs
- Provide grants for local communities to combat fentanyl

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