

May 27, 2025

The Honorable Mike Kennedy and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kennedy et al,

I am writing to give our full and unequivocal support for H.R. 3595 requiring methadone clinics to report to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs). These databases are an invaluable resource that allow physicians to see what controlled substances a patient may already be prescribed. Currently, methadone clinics are the only provider of narcotics that are exempt from this reporting requirement.

While we understand that some of the initial concerns revolved around the stigma of addiction, those concerns are far outweighed by the potential life-threatening consequences when patients seeking pain medication fail to disclose their methadone use.

Including methadone in the drug database will take the risk out of the equation by providing physicians with the accurate information necessary to make informed and safe treatment decisions for their patients.

We strongly support this proposed legislation and look forward to it being successfully passed into law.

Thank you for your attention to this important and life-saving matter.

Sincerely,

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