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To the Editors

Lieutenant Governor Kevin Bryant's letter with his suggestions for fighting opioid addiction (printed in the Greenville News on Saturday, August 19, 2017) fails to mention assisting the millions of addicts in breaking free of their addiction. This will cost money. I advocate a public-private partnership with contributions from all those who have profited from the sale of opioids, supplemented with tax funds. The pharmaceutical companies responsible for producing opioids should bear the lion's share of the costs, but physicians and other health professionals who prescribed opioids as well as the pharmacies who filled the prescriptions should also contribute. As Pharmacist Bryant noted in his letter, "prescription opioid overdose, abuse and dependence cost America approximately \$78.5

billion in 2016 in health care costs, incarceration and lost productivity." Loving addicts is not sufficient; programs to reclaim them as productive members of society will cost us real money and is the realistic response to Jesus' admonition.

Note: Mr. Cheney is a recently-retired public librarian. He has served public libraries in Florence County, South Carolina; Anderson County, South Carolina; and Oconee County, South Carolina.

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