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Subject: Opioid Crisis and How The Trump Administration is Fighting Back

Attachments: What They Are Saying - March 20.pdf

President Donald J. Trump's Initiative To Stop Opioid Abuse And Reduce Drug Supply And Demand.pdf

Remarks by President Trump on Combatting the Opioid Crisis.pdf

State and Local Leaders,

On Monday, President Donald J. Trump launched his initiative to stop opioid abuse and reduce drug supply and demand. Drug overdose is now the leading cause of injury death in the United States. The Trump Administration is working to save the lives of those suffering from drug addiction through evidence-based treatment and halting illicit drug supply. Below you will find additional information.



"We will work to strengthen vulnerable families and communities, and we will help to build and grow a stronger, healthier, and drug-free society."

– President Donald J. Trump

- Factsheet (attached) – President Donald J. Trump Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand
- Crisis Next Door – White House launched crisisnextdoor.gov. Americans can share their story of how they overcame addiction, volunteered at a recovery center, or worked as a family to help a loved one get on the path to recovery.

THE CRISIS NEXT DOOR

Learn how Americans are impacted by this crisis of addiction and share your story

CRISISNEXTDOOR.GOV

- Full Remarks (attached) – Remarks By President Trump On Combatting The Opioid Crisis in Manchester, New Hampshire.
- Press Coverage
 - o Washington Post: [Trump pledges to 'get tough' on drug crime, unveils opioid epidemic plan in New Hampshire](#)
 - o National Public Radio: [President Trump Vows to 'Liberate' U.S. From Opioid Crisis](#)



President Trump delivers remarks on the Opioid Crisis / March 19, 2018



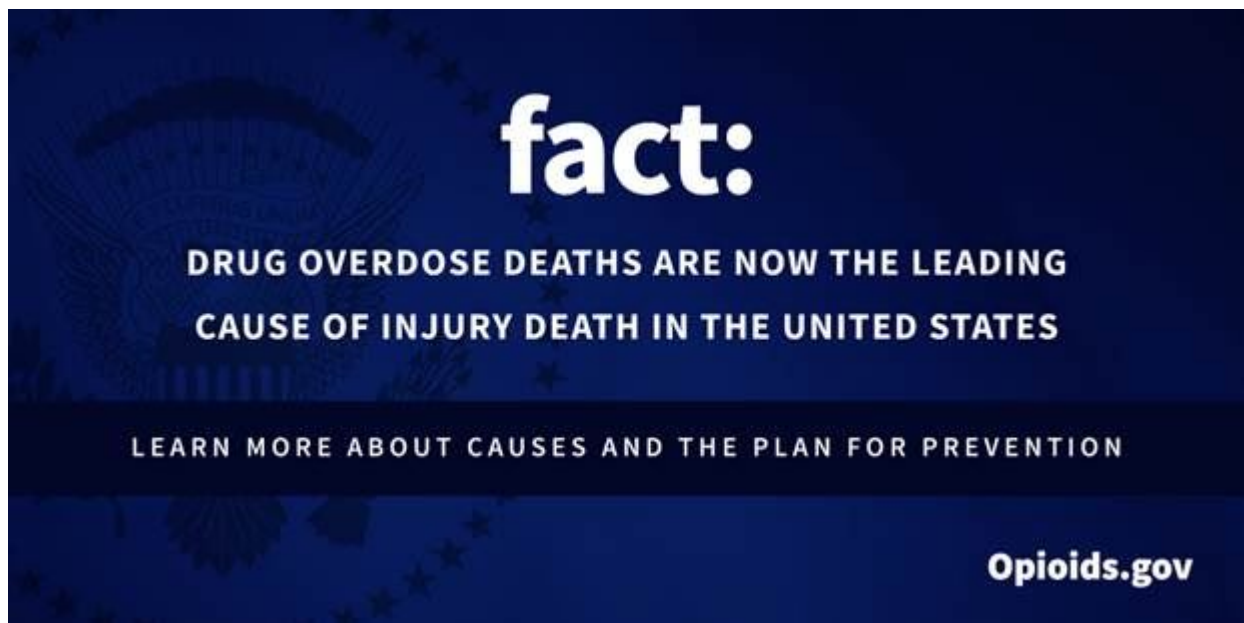
Coverage in New Hampshire Papers

What State and Local Leaders Are Saying

- Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AR): "I appreciate @POTUS's initiative to address the opioid crisis while strengthening proven treatments for opioid & other drug addictions. We must cut off the flow of illicit drugs within our communities & help save lives through enforcement, prevention & recovery support services."
- Gov. Jeff Colyer (R-KS): "I'd like to thank @POTUS for his leadership on combating the opioid epidemic. To thrive as a nation we must put an end to this terrible crisis that is tearing apart our communities and our families. It's time to put an end to opioid abuse.... I look forward to working with @POTUS & @TheJusticeDept to confront this epidemic head on."
- Gov. Brian Sandoval (R-NV): "I applaud today's opioid initiative announcement by President Trump. Nevada has and continues to aggressively combat the prescription drug abuse epidemic and today's announcement compliments our state's efforts. The announcement will also help Nevada in building on our efforts to provide the critical resources necessary to combat this disease in our communities."
- Gov. Henry McMaster (R-SC): "Today President Trump announced additional measures to combat the opioid crisis—the crisis next door.... I applaud the President's leadership, am grateful for the hard work of the men and women on South Carolina's response team, and look forward to working together to end this scourge on society."
- Gov. Jim Justice (R-WV): "People are dying every day from opioid abuse. I'm encouraged and hopeful that @POTUS's plans will help us take bigger steps to resolve this scourge on our society."
- Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall (R): "I want to thank President Trump for his dedication to fight the terrible blight of opioid abuse in America. Opioid abuse is an epidemic that ignores cultural and political boundaries; it affects all of us—and thus demands a response that includes all of us."
- Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (R): "President Trump and his Administration have shown tremendous leadership in battling the opioid crisis and I remain proud to work with leaders across the country on this issue. This lethal epidemic knows no bounds and requires an aggressive approach including education, treatment and litigation. Tackling the opioid crisis continues to be a top priority and I look forward to complementing our efforts in Arkansas with those set out by the President."
- Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi (R): "[Thank you] @POTUS for the comprehensive approach to combat the

national opioid crisis. This nationwide initiative will help stop the influx of dangerous drugs, treat addiction & hinder the spread of this deadly epidemic."

- Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill (R): "I support the initiatives put forth by the President today, and I look forward to continued collaborative efforts with the federal government toward a solution to this devastating crisis. I also applaud the President for calling on Congress to pass legislation reducing the threshold amount of drugs needed to invoke mandatory minimum sentences for drug traffickers who knowingly distribute certain illicit opioids that are lethal in trace amounts, and I will be encouraging Indiana lawmakers to heed President Trump's call and take the lead in making Indiana the worst possible state in America for drug dealers to operate."
- Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine (R): "Thank you to @POTUS @realdonaldtrump and @FLOTUS for taking on the #opioid epidemic that has gripped #Ohio and the nation. Your ideas to confront the driving forces behind this crisis will make a tremendous difference in this battle!"
- Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery III (R): "We're very pleased with the initiative to stop opioid abuse announced today by Pres Trump.... We're particularly pleased with the commitment to treatment and educational efforts aimed at prescribers and the American public."
- West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R): "President Trump's initiative is a significant step forward and one that reinforces our call for broad cooperation within government toward a holistic solution that attacks opioid abuse from a supply, a demand and an educational perspective."
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Executive Director Michael Fraser: "The president's plan demonstrates important leadership for this critical public health issue and contains vital measures states and territories can take to address the opioid misuse and addiction epidemic that is plaguing our nation. We believe the President is serious about implementing the recommendations of his commission, many of which will strengthen the capacity of state health agencies to address the problem."
- National Council for Behavioral Health Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Practice Improvement Chuck Ingoglia: "The National Council for Behavioral Health welcomes this call to action from the White House. The plan contains some important steps that will increase access to effective, evidence-based treatment, particularly Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid addiction."



Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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