



The Honorable Ed Markey
S-225, The Capitol
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510

March 31st, 2017

Dear Senator Markey,

Young People in Recovery would like to thank you for your leadership and Congress' steadfast commitment to the cause of addressing substance use disorder in the United States. Our leaders across the country are particularly excited about the purpose behind the Drive Act and the impact it's passage can have on helping those struggling with substance use disorders enter and sustain long-term recovery.

As you know, substance use disorder and particularly the opioid epidemic have been plaguing our communities across the country. Our chapter leaders in over 70 communities in the United States are working hard to provide recovery support to those in or seeking recovery and are extremely excited to see your leadership in making the transition from substance use and criminal justice involvement to recovery a more attainable possibility.

The ability to pursue gainful employment and/or furthering an individual's education are pillars to sustaining long-term recovery. Without access to adequate transportation, those endeavors become less likely to succeed. Our chapter leaders, members and supporters are proof that recovery works, especially when communities support the effort.

Again, thank you for your leadership in this matter. We will continue to work together with our communities, partners, Congress and the Administration to address substance use disorder in the United States.

Sincerely,
Young People in Recovery