



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU  
Governor

August 11, 2017

President Donald J. Trump  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

New Hampshire is in the midst of a crisis. As Governor, I wake up every morning thinking of the individuals who have been lost and the families that have been destroyed as a result of our states opiate crisis and I resolve myself to do everything I can do bring this crisis to an end. I applaud your directive to your administration to use all appropriate emergency and other authorities to respond to the opioid epidemic and your acknowledgement that this crisis is an emergency.

I urge that when you consider the criteria for state assistance, any resources delivered to New Hampshire be proportionate to the size of our problem and not based on our population. Our administration inherited one of the worst health crises this state has ever experienced, but we are facing this challenge head on. We have doubled our state resources to support prevention, treatment and recovery; dedicated millions of additional dollars to law enforcements efforts to keep drugs out of our state, increased the availability of naloxone, and are rebuilding our prevention programs for our kids.

New Hampshire stands ready to ensure much needed federal resources go to help people in recovery from substance use disorder. These same resources can be used to redouble our efforts in many of the ways described in the preliminary report of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. We could also use the resources to build better data collection and analysis systems that would enable a more scientific response to the deployment of federal and state funds to this important work. We know how to build and implement comprehensive systems to address substance use disorder in our own state. Flexibility will be a key component in helping solve this crisis. Making these funds available to New Hampshire will help our entire state find a more direct path toward recovery, and continue to serve as a model for the rest of the country to build on.

Again, we thank you and join with you in your call to action. We are ready to use these resources to help our families, friends, and neighbors find their way to health and recovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor