

# VOICES FOR NON-OPIOID CHOICES

## Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation (Alternatives to PAIN) Act

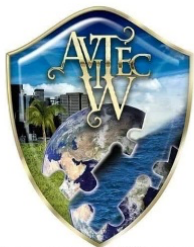
### Statements of Support



*"One way to prevent opioid addiction is by avoiding unnecessary exposure to prescription opioids. To do so, providers and patients must have easy and equal access to non-opioid pain management options. Unfortunately, non-opioid approaches are all-too-often out of reach for many Americans due institutional preferences and economic incentives that lead to our reliance on opioids to treat pain. This results in millions of Americans developing a new, long-term opioid use pattern every year. The Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation ("Alternatives to PAIN") Act would ensure that non-opioid approaches are just as easily accessible as other medications. The legislation will go a long way towards ensuring that all Americans in all settings can access such approaches. It is a much needed step towards preventing opioid addiction in America and Voices for Non-Opioid Choices proudly supports and urges enactment of this critical legislation."* – **Chris Fox, Executive Director, Voices for Non-Opioid Choices**



*"The Alternatives to PAIN Act embodies the compassion and care we strive for at Asheville Equine Therapy. By expanding access to non-opioid pain management options, this legislation empowers individuals recovering from trauma with safer, healthier pathways to healing. It stands as a promise of hope and resilience for individuals and communities alike. Passing this bill is not just important—it is imperative for building a future where communities thrive free from the grip of the opioid crisis."* – **Asheville Equine Therapy**



A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS  
EMPOWERMENT CENTER

*"Prevention is paramount in addressing the opioid epidemic. Having the option to choose a non-opioid protocol is invaluable and empowering. Unfortunately, many individuals continue to slip into opioid addiction daily. The Alternatives to Pain Act represents a critical step forward in ensuring that non-opioid pain management solutions are available to patients. I strongly endorse this groundbreaking legislation, which embodies compassionate care and a commitment to prioritizing patient well-being."* – **A Voice in the Wilderness Empowerment Center**



*"The Alternatives to PAIN Act represents a vital step forward in addressing the opioid epidemic by expanding access to evidence-based, non-opioid pain management options. This legislation empowers healthcare providers to prioritize safer, innovative treatments for pain, reducing reliance on addictive opioids and protecting the health and well-being of our communities."* – **Blue Water Recovery & Outreach Center**



ELDERLY ADVOCATES

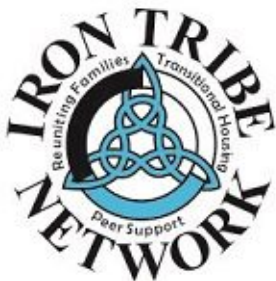
*"Medication for pain should be addressed like any issue, start at the first step and go up if needed. Being overmedicating is a fast solution for seniors, but not the right solution without trying non-addictive solutions first."* – **Elderly Advocates**



*"Families of Addicts proudly supports the Alternatives to PAIN Act as a critical step in preventing addiction and promoting recovery. By prioritizing non-opioid treatments, this legislation not only reduces the stigma surrounding addiction but also empowers families and individuals with the tools they need to heal and thrive. This is more than a policy; it's a lifeline for families and individuals impacted by addiction."* – **Families of Addicts**



*"Our seniors, who are our grandparents, aunts, uncles, mothers, and fathers, deserve leadership that improves their quality of life. We have witnessed many seniors in our community having to go to detox and treatment for opioid use disorder because of a surgery that they've needed and we have to do a better job getting them non-opioid choices that they can afford. We need a solution to this problem so we are not losing our family members to addiction. Please be the leaders to help us in this fight!"* – **Freedom Through Recovery**



*"At Iron Tribe Network, we believe in creating safe, supportive spaces for recovery. The Alternatives to PAIN Act reinforces this mission by providing non-opioid options that reduce addiction risks and promote healthier communities. By expanding access to non-opioid pain management, it removes barriers and empowers individuals to rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose. This legislation represents a meaningful commitment to fostering recovery, resilience, and lasting wellness."* – **Iron Tribe Network**



*"At Journey House Foundation, we fully support the Alternatives to PAIN Act because it represents a compassionate and necessary shift in how we address pain management. Our mission is to help individuals not only recover but thrive, and this legislation aligns with our belief that recovery starts with providing the right tools and resources. By empowering patients and healthcare providers to choose safer, more effective treatments, this act offers hope to countless individuals battling substance use disorder and the families who support them. Together, we can pave the way for healthier, substance abuse-free lives."* – **Journey House Recovery**



*"The Appalachian region of the United States has been decimated by the prescription opioid crisis. While strides have been made in Tennessee to reduce the pipeline, federal systems need to help patients gain access to non-opioid alternative medications. Upstream prevention efforts are key to ending this epidemic."* **Metro Drug Coalition**



*"Preventable overdoses take the lives of over 200 Americans every day, and the majority of these deaths involve opioids. We need to use every tool available to end this national crisis. The National Safety Council fully supports this bipartisan legislation to ensure access to non-opioid medications is readily available for older Americans and those with disabilities."* – **National Safety Council**



*"The National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) readily continues its support for the Alternatives to PAIN Act in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress. As the national certifying body for acupuncturists, the NCCAOM understands the importance of ensuring access to non-opioid, evidence-based pain-management options such as acupuncture. The Alternatives to PAIN Act would increase access to evidence-based options so millions of Americans can safely and effectively manage their pain without opioids."* - **The National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**

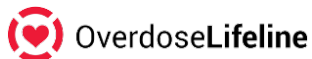
*“Operation First Response (OFR) stands in steadfast support of expanding access to safe, effective alternatives to opioid medications for our nation’s Veterans. Our mission is rooted in honoring the service and sacrifice of America’s heroes by ensuring they receive the care and support they deserve.*



*The devastating impact of opioid dependency has touched too many within our Veteran community, often compounding the challenges faced by those recovering from service-related injuries and trauma. We believe it is a duty and responsibility to prioritize treatments that promote long-term wellness and recovery without the risk of addiction.*

*OFR supports initiatives that provide comprehensive pain management options, including physical therapy, mental health counseling, non-opioid medications, and innovative therapies tailored to the unique needs of Veterans. We encourage collaborative efforts among healthcare providers, policymakers, and Veteran service organizations to ensure all Veterans have access to these critical resources.*

*We remain committed to advocating for the health and well-being of those who have served, recognizing that their courage and sacrifice must be met with compassionate, effective care. Our Veterans deserve nothing less” - **Operation First Response***



*“Overdose Lifeline has been on the front lines of addressing the opioid epidemic since 2014. We represent numerous families who have lost someone to an opioid addiction and overdose or individuals in recovery who found their way to addiction from a prescribed opioid. We support the reintroduction of the Alternatives to PAIN Act (S. 3832/H.R. 7142) in the 119th Congress because we know this will save money, lives, and loss to our society.” – **Overdose Lifeline***



*"The Pledge for Life Partnership, Kankakee, IL., applauds the reintroduction of the Alternatives to PAIN Act (S. 3832/H.R. 7142) in the 119th Congress. This critical legislation underscores the importance of providing innovative, non-addictive pain management options, which are essential to curbing the devastating impacts of the opioid crisis.*

*Through our ongoing efforts—such as the completion of the Hidden in Plain Sight trailer project, local drug take back days and community education initiatives—we witness firsthand the urgent need for preventative measures and effective alternatives to opioids. This bill aligns with our mission to protect youth, empower families, and build healthier communities. We urge Congress to act swiftly in advancing this lifesaving legislation.” – **Pledge for Life Partnership***

## Prevention Action Alliance

*"Protecting adults from the dangers of opioid addiction while expanding access to innovative, non-opioid pain management therapies is essential. Regulating Medicare Part D can have a widespread impact, influencing Medicaid and private health plans to benefit a vast majority of Americans. By eliminating barriers like step therapy and prior authorization and ensuring affordable access through Medicare Part D, we can offer a safer, more compassionate approach to pain relief for those who need it most. With over a billion legally prescribed opioid pills currently sitting in U.S. medicine cabinets, reducing exposure to opioids not only curbs the risk of misuse but also minimizes temptation for others. This progress represents a significant win for both our community and individual well-being."* – **Prevention Action Alliance**



*"At the PTSD Awareness Summit, we are dedicated to supporting veterans, first responders, and their families as they navigate the challenges of PTSD. The Alternatives to PAIN is a vital step in ensuring access to non-opioid pain management options that address their unique needs. This legislation aligns with our mission to provide education, resources, and programs that promote healing and strengthen families impacted by PTSD."* – **PTSD Awareness Summit**



*"Every year, our nonprofit houses hundreds of individuals with substance use disorder, often an opioid addiction, in one of our eleven recovery houses. While there is a lot to do to tackle this crisis effectively, we must prioritize prevention, which includes expanding access to safer, non-addictive pain management options. The Alternatives to PAIN Act is something we have been involved with for several years due to the dire critical step it takes toward empowering seniors with better choices and reducing reliance on opioids."* - **REAL LIFE**



*"The Recovery Mobile Clinic was founded as a result of the opiate crisis. Our mission is to address the needs of the people who are suffering from substance abuse. All too often, the cause of the person's opiate addiction started with an injury or a prescription medication. This is a story that should not be repeated. We need non-addictive pain options to support our patients and minimize the harm done by the medication side effects."* – **Recovery Mobile Clinic**

## RetireSafe

*"We are constantly hearing from seniors that they would prefer to live in pain than get addicted to opioids. That's why our seniors need choices. This bill makes sure seniors have choices when it comes to managing their pain and, in the process, gives seniors the opportunity to manage their pain without fear of becoming addicted to opioids." – RetireSafe*

## SHERECOVERS® FOUNDATION

*"SHE RECOVERS® Foundation is proud to support the Alternatives to PAIN Act as it represents a critical advancement in providing compassionate, non-opioid options for pain management. Our mission is to connect and empower women on their journeys of recovery from trauma, mental health issues, and substance use, and this legislation aligns with our belief that recovery begins with access to safe, holistic solutions. By prioritizing alternatives to opioids, the act paves the way for a future where individuals can heal without the risk of dependency, fostering resilience and well-being for women and communities everywhere." – SHE RECOVERS Foundation*



*"The reintroduction of the Alternatives to PAIN Act is a crucial step toward addressing the fundamental causes of addiction and chronic pain. By expanding access to non-opioid treatment options, this legislation directly aligns with the Stayin' Alive Coalition's mission to establish healthier communities in Franklin County, Indiana. It empowers our efforts to provide enduring and effective solutions for individuals and families, thereby reducing their reliance on opioids and offering hope for lasting recovery." - Stayin' Alive*



*"At the Veterans National Recovery Center, we advocate for veterans living with invisible wounds such as PTSD, Military Sexual Trauma, and Traumatic Brain Injury. The Alternatives to PAIN Act offers a crucial step toward providing safer, non-opioid pain management options that address the unique challenges faced by our veterans. This legislation is vital to ensuring they have access to effective care that fosters healing and honors their service." – Veterans National Recovery Center*



*"Having worked in a regional jail setting supporting people with opioid misuse disorders for almost 10 years, one of the most heartbreaking clients are the young people who were given opiates by their physician for sports injuries. These young people lost everything when their only "crime" was following a physician's orders so they could get back to embracing healthy life choices. Incentivizing physicians to give opioid based care through insurance payments is FLAT WRONG. All non-opioid pain management solutions need to be on equal footing with prescription pain medication when it comes to insurance reimbursement. Allowing the incentivization of potentially life ruining/life taking behavior over and over again is in my opinion criminal negligence."* – **Warren Coalition**



*"We at the Will Bright Foundation strongly support the Alternatives to PAIN Act because it empowers individuals recovering from addiction to access non-opioid treatments and build lives free from dependency. Our mission is rooted in the belief that everyone deserves a second chance at a life not defined by addiction. This legislation represents a critical step in breaking the cycle of opioid dependency by providing safer, more compassionate care options. For families like ours, who know the heartbreak of losing a loved one to addiction, this is more than policy—it's hope."* - **Will Bright Foundation**



*"At Young People in Recovery, we envision a world where all young people have the resources they need to thrive in recovery. The Alternatives to PAIN Act aligns with this vision by expanding access to non-opioid pain management options, reducing the risks of addiction, and empowering young people to achieve their full potential. This legislation is a vital step in fostering recovery, resilience, and brighter futures for the next generation."* – **Young People in Recovery**