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DEAR FRIENDS AND ADVOCATES,

We are facing an immediate crisis that threatens the progress Missouri has made in combating substance use disorders and reducing overdose deaths. Proposed federal budget cuts to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) put critical substance use recovery programs at risk. If these cuts proceed, Missouri will face dire consequences, including:

Increased Overdose Deaths: Missouri has seen declining overdose fatalities since 2023, largely due to SAMHSA-backed initiatives. Cutting funding and oversight will reverse this progress and cost lives.

Strained Criminal Justice and Healthcare Systems: Without adequate treatment resources, more individuals struggling with substance use will end up in jails, emergency rooms, and hospitals, burdening taxpayers and reducing available care for others in need.

Rising Homelessness: The loss of funding will eliminate critical programs that support stable housing and employment for people in recovery, worsening Missouri's homelessness crisis.

Economic Devastation: Missouri communities depend on SAMHSA-funded initiatives to keep individuals in the workforce and support local businesses. Cutting these programs will have a ripple effect across our economy.

Threats to Recovery Support Service Providers: Many of Missouri's recovery providers, including faith-based organizations, rely on SAMHSA's State Opioid Response (SOR) funding to operate. Without this funding, many of these critical providers will be forced to close their doors, leaving those in need without support.

Devastating Impact on Families: Families will be torn apart as loved ones struggling with addiction lose access to life-saving treatment. Parents, children, and entire communities will suffer as a result of these cuts.

CALL TO ACTION

We cannot let this happen. We need your voice to protect these essential programs and demand that our federal representatives oppose these reckless cuts.

Contact Your U.S. Senators and Representatives TODAY!

Tell them how these proposed cuts will devastate our communities and urge them to stand up for Missouri's recovery programs. Every call and email makes a difference!

Missouri U.S. Senators:

- Senator Eric Schmitt
- Phone: (202) 224-5721
- Email: [Contact Form](#)

- Senator Josh Hawley
- Phone: (202) 224-6154
- Email: [Contact Form](#)



Find Your U.S. Representative:

Visit [House.gov](https://www.house.gov) and enter your ZIP code to find and contact your Congressional representative.

Suggested Message: "Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I live in [Your City], Missouri. I am deeply concerned about the proposed cuts to SAMHSA, which will have a devastating impact on people in our state suffering from substance use disorders. These cuts will increase overdose deaths, overburden our hospitals and jails, and hurt our economy. Many of our community-based, peer-based, and faith-based providers depend on SAMHSA funding, and without it, they may be forced to shut down. These cuts will also tear families apart as more people lose access to treatment. I urge you to oppose any reductions to SAMHSA's budget and protect Missouri's recovery programs. Thank you."

We must act now. Lives depend on it. Please share this message widely and urge others to take action.

Thank you for your advocacy and support.

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