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Honorable Michael Turner  
U.S. Congressman, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
120 West Third Street, Suite 305  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Dear Congressman Turner,

This Association has had an opportunity to review the proposed amendment to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposal would assist local counties and their jails. Jails have become a dumping ground for many individuals that should not be incarcerated but should be treated. The current heroin epidemic is one of the prime examples of this calamity.

Ohio is not immune from the horrors of heroin addiction or overdose deaths caused by heroin. Every day and every month the tragedies of this lethal drug takes more victims into its control. This addictive narcotic is far more dangerous to all cross sections and walks of life. This is not an urban problem, it is not a suburban problem, it is not a rural problem it is a societal problem.

If counties were reimbursed for the programs and treatment of individuals jail space would be freed-up for the hardened criminals. A Medicaid program is available to addicted individuals prior to incarceration and should be available while incarcerated. The continuum of care for addicted individuals is paramount to the success for becoming "Drug Free".

Thank you for introducing this much needed amendment to the Social Security Act.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Cornwell  
Executive Director

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