



March 23, 2017

The Honorable David Joyce
United States House of Representatives
1124 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

On behalf of the Association of the United States Navy, we would like to pledge our support for H.R. 664, the Stem the Tide of Overdose Prevalence from Opiate Drugs Act of 2017 or STOP OD Act of 2017.

This bill permits the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award grants to:

- Expand educational efforts to prevent abuse of opioids, which are drugs with effects similar to opium, such as heroin
- To promote treatment of persons who abuse opioids
- To promote understanding of addiction.

The Department of Health and Human Services may award grants to:

- Support first responders carrying and administering naloxone, which is a prescription drug used to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose
- Establish processes for referral to treatment for opioid abuse
- Reimburse for testing for fentanyl in opioid overdoses and reporting the results to the CDC.

Thank you for taking an active role in such an important issue to the Military and Veteran community by working to improve the lives and careers of those who served our great nation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 703-548-5800 or at michael.little@ausn.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Joseph Little". To the right of the signature, the text "ABH²(AW/Sec)" and "USNR" is written in blue ink.

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