

BOB MENENDEZ
UNITED STATES SENATOR
FOR NEW JERSEY

Dear Mr. Curtin,

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act. Your opinion is very important to me, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you.

The Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act (S. 445) was introduced in the Senate on February 25, 2021, and was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), of which I am not a member. As you know, this legislation aims to increase access to medication-assisted treatments for opioid addiction. Specifically, it would remove the requirement that providers must receive a waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to prescribe buprenorphine medications. Hearings and markups of legislation before the Senate HELP Committee are held at the discretion of the Committee's Chairman. To keep track of this bill, I encourage you to visit the Committee's website (<http://help.senate.gov>) as well as the Library of Congress' website (<http://congress.gov>). Please know that I will keep your support in mind should this bill be considered by the full Senate.

Combating the opioid crisis that has ravaged our communities is a top priority as I fight for New Jersey in the Senate. I recently co-led a letter to my colleagues on the Senate Appropriations Committee requesting increased funding in fiscal year 2022 for federal programs to combat opioid abuse, prevent addiction, and improve substance abuse treatments.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. I invite you to visit my website (<http://menendez.senate.gov>) to learn more about how I am standing up for New Jersey families in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,



BOB MENENDEZ
United States Senator