

## Dear Mr. Curtin.

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for the Medication Access and Training Expansion Act. Your opinion is very important to me, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you.

The Medication Access and Training Expansion Act (S. 2235) was introduced in the Senate on June 24, 2021, and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), of which I am not a member. If enacted, this legislation would require physicians and other prescribers of controlled substances to complete training on treating and managing patients with opioid and other substance use disorders. This training would also satisfy certain training requirements currently needed to receive a waiver for prescribing medication-assisted treatments for opioid-use disorders in settings other than opioid treatment programs.

Hearings and markups of legislation before the 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 (<a href="http://help.senate.gov">http://help.senate.gov</a>) as well as the Library of Congress' website (<a href="http://congress.gov">http://congress.gov</a>). While I do not serve on the HELP Committee, please know I will keep your views in mind if this legislation is considered by the full Senate.

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 (<a href="http://menendez.senate.gov">http://menendez.senate.gov</a>) to learn more about how I am standing up for New Jersey families in the United States Senate.

Sincerely

BOB MENENDEZ United States Senator