

Letter

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The Honorable Schumer, Charles E.

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United States Senator

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Dear Representative/Senator Schumer,

Having been born in New York and spending all my life here, I have become adept with the problems facing our state and our country. The problems that face my community, state, and country motivated me to pursue nursing. One of the issues I have been exploring that has not been effectively addressed in our states and country is the opioid epidemic. As a person who has been at the forefront of ensuring that the opioid epidemic is addressed, I'm sure you agree with me that more steps need to be taken to bring an end to this public health crisis.

In 2018 the CDC reported that nearly 29% deaths occurred due to opioid-involved overdoses in New York. This was an increase from the 2015 cases reported in 2015. The national opioid-involved overdose deaths stood at 71,000. This represented a lot of lives lost from a preventable cause every year.

I ask that you support S.425 - Budgeting for Opioid Addiction Treatment Act. By supporting this bill, you will contribute to what can be the most effective way of controlling the production and use of opioids in the US. The bill proposes that a small fee be charged to manufacturers, producers, and importers of opioids for every milligram they produce. The funds raised from

and the world has to fund to support programs to prevent epidemics and develop alternative pain management methods. This is quite a small price to invest in protecting the health of our communities.

Shirley,

(Signed)

Tom Hines