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National Education and Advocacy Campaign:

Eliminate Discrimination Against People in Recovery; Expand and Improve Full Continuum of Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Research

Our nation's policies toward alcohol and drug problems and people in recovery from addiction continue to fall far short of our nation's needs. Only 11% (2.5 million) of the 23.6 million people who need treatment for alcohol and drug problems receive it, leaving 21 million untreated annually, effective prevention strategies are woefully underfunded, and people in recovery often are discriminated against as they seek employment, insurance, and other necessities of life.

The Legal Action Center (LAC) and State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS) invite you to join us and support our major new national initiative to educate policymakers and advocate for public policy reform at the federal, state, and local levels to achieve two over-arching goals:

- 1. Eliminate discrimination against people in recovery from addiction who are fully qualified for employment, insurance, housing, education, and life's other necessities.**
- 2. Greatly expand and improve the availability and quality of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, and increase research and the application of recovery-focused scientific findings in communities across the country.**

LAC and SAAS will accomplish these goals by:

- Developing a five year plan to repeal laws that discriminate against people in recovery and increase public and private resources to expand and improve alcohol and drug treatment, recovery, prevention, and research, then educating and advocating in our nation's capital and around the country for adoption of the plan's recommendations.
- Educating policymakers and the public about the issues and our public policy solutions through media outreach and electronic communications strategies.
- Creating a network of "key contacts" who will work with us to educate policymakers about the issues and urge them to implement our public policy solutions.

We need to raise a minimum of \$600,000 per year for at least three years to fully fund this Campaign. Those funds will pay for LAC's policy and communications staff and consultants, as well as the work of SAAS and its member associations. **Please join us by making a donation of \$500, or a leadership donation of \$1,000 or more, to help change the face of addiction and recovery in the United States.**