



Educational Briefing for Congressional Members, Staff and FED UP Coalition Followers

Panel Discussion: *“Needed Changes in Federal Policy and Legislation to Address the Nation’s Opioid Crisis”*

Room B-339 Rayburn HOB

Monday, September 19

8:30 AM to 10:15 AM

As an important component of our FED UP Rally activities, the FED UP Advocacy Committee has organized a highly informative educational briefing on needed next steps in federal policy and legislation to stem the tide of the nation’s opioid addiction crisis. Despite the recent passage of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, much more needs to be done – especially in expanding access to needed treatment.

Please join us and invited Congressional members and staff and hear from a panel of national experts in addiction and advocacy to discuss the FED UP Coalition’s policy platform and to engage our panel in a robust discussion of issues which must be resolved to end the devastating impact of opioid addiction on our families and friends.

Panel Members:

Dr. Andrew Kolodny, Senior Scientist, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandies University and Executive Director, Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing

Dr. Caleb Alexander, Co-Director, Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Gary Mendell, CEO and Founder, Shatterproof

Don Flattery, Chair, FED UP Advisory Committee

From 10:15 AM to 10:30 AM, we will provide tips for followers to use in any scheduled meetings with Congressional offices. Additional hand-outs will also be provided for that purpose.

This program is free and open to all followers. Light refreshments will be served.

For those followers who have scheduled meetings with member offices, please notify Amy Cooper (acooperx@gmail.com) to help coordinate with others possibly interested in joining.