U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
441 G St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20548

February 26, 2018

Congressional Requesters

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office review executive branch resources to combat the opioid epidemic and the steps the Administration has taken since declaring the opioid crisis a public health emergency.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about six months. Your request has been assigned to Ms. A. Nicole Clowers, Managing Director, Health Care. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, Ms. Clowers or a member of her team will contact your offices to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Clowers at 202-512-4010 or clowersa@gao.gov, or Mr. David Lewis, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-7176 or lewisd@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,



Orice Williams Brown
Managing Director
Congressional Relations

Ref: CCAR 18-0432

Congressional Requesters

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate

The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States Senate

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senate

The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senate

The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate

The Honorable Cory A. Booker
United States Senate

The Honorable Joe Donnelly
United States Senate

The Honorable Brian Schatz
United States Senate

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
United States Senate

The Honorable Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senate

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
United States Senate