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104 Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Senate Finance Committee's request for recommendations regarding the opioid crisis. As Mayor, I have seen the opioid crisis ravage the Dayton community – neighbors, friends, and family. I would argue that no community in the country has seen more destruction as a result of the opioid crisis than Dayton. It has forced us to come up with new, creative solutions as a community to offer treatment, support individuals, and keep families together.

I am writing to encourage you to support passage of the CRIB Act, legislation that will allow pediatric recovery centers to bill Medicaid for the services they provide. We are so fortunate to have one of the nation's first pediatric recovery centers – Brigid's Path – right in Dayton. Brigid's Path provides health care services to newborns as they withdraw from opioids, and supportive services to their families. The Brigid's Path model is unique in that it builds on the strengths of the family to try to keep baby with mom and dad if safe, appropriate, and possible.

Brigid's Path is highly regarded in the Dayton area and holds the key to success for many people – the babies it serves, and their families. I am confident that ensuring the long-term sustainability of pediatric recovery centers like Brigid's Path will lead to the replication of additional centers in Ohio and the nation. Passage of the CRIB Act will make this possible.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ranking Member Ron Wyden



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