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The Honorable Richard Burr  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Burr:

I am pleased to provide you with the *National Strategy for Trauma-informed Care Operating Plan (Operating Plan)*. The Operating Plan, created through a collaborative effort between the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and representatives of 20 Federal agencies and departments who comprise the Interagency Task Force for Trauma-informed Care, is submitted in accordance with the requirement in SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271) Title VII, Subtitle N, Section 7132, subsection (e).

Through the Operating Plan, the Task Force identifies childhood trauma, including substance misuse, as a serious public health problem in the United States with potentially long-lasting negative impacts compounded by racial and historical trauma. To address this, communities need support to build infrastructure and capacity to prevent trauma, respond to those impacted by trauma, and enhance resilience. A robust evidence base for a continuum of interventions at the individual, system, and community levels are needed to promote the provision of best practices.

The Operating Plan describes activities to implement the National Strategy for Trauma-informed Care to identify, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding (1) best practices with respect to children and families who have experienced trauma or are at risk of experiencing trauma; and (2) ways federal agencies can better coordinate responses to families affected by substance use disorders and trauma.

We look forward to your review of the *National Strategy for Trauma-informed Care Operating Plan* and support of its implementation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure