Dear Chairman Reagan and Committee Members:

April 16, 2018

I write to express my serious concerns about the potential impact of these changes on the health of children and adolescents. There has been a significant body of research indicating that exposure to marijuana use and addiction programs (AVAP) in adolescence is associated with increased risk of substance use disorders, including addiction. AVAP programs are designed to help students develop coping skills and resilience to resist peer pressure and reduce the risk of alcohol and drug use. AVAP programs have been shown to be effective in reducing substance use and improving academic performance. However, the proposed changes to the AVAP program may weaken its effectiveness by reducing the amount of time dedicated to substance use prevention and intervention.

I urge you to consider the potential impact of these changes on the health of children and adolescents. The well-being of our young people is of utmost importance, and we must ensure that AVAP programs continue to provide the necessary support to help them make healthy choices.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chairman Reagan

[Committee Name]
I. Proliferate the health care workforce by adding Addiction Medicine, and in particular, Ph.D.

Drawing from my extensive experience as both a researcher and a clinician, I would like to offer the following

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Thank you for your time and attention to these important issues. I would be happy to provide more

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