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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to accept and read this important correspondence. It has been sent with both urgency for understanding and action to save the lives of those dying every day throughout our country.

My vocational background includes entering the field of mental health and addiction services back in the early 1990s, including working within various programs such as partial care, the program for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and in private practice. I was the longest serving President of New Jersey's Marriage & Family Therapy Association and the inaugural Advisory Board Member of New Jersey's chapter of NADAAC, the nation's most prominent organization for addiction professionals.

Most recently I served in the New Jersey Children's System of Care for 20 years at Rutgers University-Behavioral Research Training Institute. While at Rutgers I was the state's key leader in whole-person care connected with incorporating evidence-based practices, including Wraparound and Child/Family Teams. I currently support the innovative solutions connected with use of technologies at Opeeka, which brings to the attention creative interventions for achieving whole-person transformational care.

However, it was during the three (3) decades of my tenure in this field that I witnessed firsthand the apathy and complacency related to addiction and recovery. So often the mindset for many within the helping profession was one of being overwhelmed with the complexities of substance misuse as well as the increased potencies and prevalence of substances both prescribed and non-prescribed. All of this has led to the deaths of individuals of all ages, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

Are you aware that there continues to be a yearly increase in the number of overdose deaths in the United States? These numbers are over a hundred thousand (Center for Disease Control & Prevention-2023 totaled 109,940 overdose deaths), which broken down equates to 22 deaths per-day. Another question I pose is, since we are spending more today than in years past on the 'War on Drugs', why are the deaths increasing rather than decreasing?

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The purpose of this correspondence is not to blame, shame or even theorize about the root causes of substance misuse. Instead, I am writing with the utmost urgency regarding SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE TODAY. Neil Jackson, inventor of FENBLOCK, has developed one of the most needed and innovative solutions for SAVING LIVES NOW! This can and must be done in a collaborative effort with local, state, county and federal cooperation, along with a strategic plan for sustainable preventable solutions to eradicate overdose deaths completely.

Therefore, I would like to offer full endorsement of Neil Jackson's work and *FENBLOCK*, which empowers individuals towards recovery, wellbeing and hope for the future. The impact of *FENBLOCK* will not only be seen on the individual level but also will include familial, community, societal and humanitarian levels. Please note that my endorsement does not end with writing this letter but continues in strength of my future actions in collaborating with Neil and others, pledging my unwavering support. I have already been providing those in positions of influence with information connected with *FENBLOCK* and how they can reach out directly with Neil Jackson and others in support of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness...The American Dream...which is both alive and well throughout the United States of America!

If you have any further need of information or would like me to further attest to the work of Neil Jackson, FENBLOCK, along with other innovative assistive technologies supporting health, wellbeing and recovery please do not hesitate to contact me directly- my email is <a href="Menmatics.">KenMcGillLMFT@gmail.com</a>, my cell phone is 973-248-5881 or utilizing Neil Jackson's contact information: phone 434-509-2999, email neil@fenblockmed.com

Respectfully Yours,

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