



Shasta County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1450 Court Street, Suite 308B
Redding, California 96001-1673
(530) 225-5557
(800) 479-8009
(530) 225-5189-FAX

DAVID A. KEHOE, DISTRICT 1
LEONARD MOTY, DISTRICT 2
MARY RICKERT, DISTRICT 3
STEVE MORGAN, DISTRICT 4
LES BAUGH, DISTRICT 5

September 12, 2017

United States Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

United States Senator Kamala Harris
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

United States Congressman Doug LaMalfa
322 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Re: Opioid Crisis

Dear Senator Feinstein, Senator Harris and Congressman LaMalfa:

With President Trump announcing his intent to declare the Opioid Crisis a National Emergency, Shasta County is hopeful that his declaration will make additional federal funding available to assist us in curbing the illicit use of opioids and heroin in our County.

Substance abuse touches many families and crosses all socio-economic groups. The emotional and financial toll on loved ones is immeasurable. The subsequent impact of this drug use is seen with the increase in crime, homelessness, domestic violence and child abuse. We need to tackle this problem with an increased focus to restore healthy communities and save lives.

Shasta County's statistics indicate that opioid use has been steadily on the rise for the last several years. According to Shasta County figures, pharmaceutical opioids, at times used in conjunction with alcohol and other illicit drugs, were the leading cause of overdoses in 2016. Shasta County has a serious problem with opioids and need of any additional funding to supplant and enhance the programs we have in place.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David A. Kehoe, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta