**[*Governor….Honorable..etc*],**

I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to address the critical issue of access to buprenorphine (Suboxone), a life-saving medication for opioid use disorder. Despite the recent elimination of the federal X-waiver requirement in January of 2023. Kentucky's state laws and regulations continue to hinder patients' ability to receive this vital treatment.

**The problem:**

* **State-level barriers:** While the federal X-waiver requirement has been eliminated, Kentucky may still have specific regulations in place that govern the prescribing of buprenorphine. These regulations could include:
	+ Continuing medical education (CME) requirements
	+ Patient limits
	+ Prescription monitoring program (PMP) requirements
	+ Other state-specific licensing or registration requirements
* **Limited access to treatment:** These barriers result in a shortage of providers who are authorized to prescribe buprenorphine, leading to long wait times and limited access to care for individuals struggling with opioid addiction.
* **Increased overdose deaths:** Lack of access to treatment contributes to the ongoing opioid epidemic and the tragic loss of lives.

**The solution:**

* **Remove unnecessary regulations:** Use your governing authority to eliminate or modify state-level regulations that impede access to buprenorphine.
* **Expand access to treatment:** Support initiatives to increase the number of providers who are authorized to prescribe buprenorphine, including through targeted training programs and financial incentives.

**The benefits:**

* **Improved public health:** By increasing access to buprenorphine, we can reduce overdose deaths and improve the overall health of Kentuckians.
* **Economic benefits:** Treatment for opioid use disorder can help individuals regain their independence and contribute to the workforce.
* **Reduced burden on healthcare systems:** By preventing overdose deaths and related complications, we can alleviate the strain on hospitals and emergency services.

**Call to action:**

I urge you to take immediate action to address the opioid epidemic by using your executive or legislative authority to remove barriers to prescribing buprenorphine. By prioritizing access to this life-saving medication, we can save lives and improve the health and well-being of our communities.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the people of Kentucky.

Sincerely, [Your Name}