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Today's Introduction  
of the  
**'Comprehensive Behavioral Health Reform and Recovery Act  
of 2016'**

NACBHDD and NARMH are exceptionally pleased to applaud today's introduction in the U.S. House of the "Comprehensive Behavioral Health Reform and Recovery Act of 2016". This is a very balanced Bill that can address the fundamental needs for mental health and substance use infrastructure and services at the county, state, and federal levels. Importantly, this Bill also recognizes the critical role played by trauma, recovery, and peers in behavioral health care, and the foundational importance of appropriate workforce infrastructure.

NACBHDD and NARMH will seek to have this very-balanced Bill considered by the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee and ultimately passed by the entire U.S. House. This Bill also can provide an essential framework for the U.S. Senate HELP Committee to introduce similar legislation in the U.S. Senate.

"We want to commend Representative Gene Green of Texas and his House colleagues for the outstanding courage and innovation they have shown in introducing this very important piece of legislation. Both urban and rural county behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability programs desperately need the supports that will be provided through this legislation", according to Ron Manderscheid, PhD, Executive Director of NACBHDD and NARMH.

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