### Behavioral Health Coalition Petition Email

# Petition Link

<http://www.ourhealthcalifornia.org/petitions/tell-california-candidates-to-make-mental-illness-and-substance-use-issues-a-priority/>

# Email

**Subject line // preview text options**:

 [petition] Mental health care in California // Our elected leaders should make it a priority.

 We can’t fail California families // Our state must address the behavioral health crisis.

**We have a health care crisis:**

* In California, 6 million people live with a mental illness, and 2 out of 3 won’t get the treatment they need.
* By 2020, mental illness and substance use disorders will surpass all physical diseases worldwide as major causes of disability.
* One in five children right now has a diagnosable mental illness.

These numbers represent real people — siblings, spouses, and best friends — who are struggling with a range of behavioral health conditions.

**B**[**efore November’s election, we’re joining Behavioral Health Action and Our Health California in sending California’s candidates and elected leaders a message: Address the mental health care and substance use disorder crisis.**](http://www.ourhealthcalifornia.org/petitions/tell-california-candidates-to-make-mental-illness-and-substance-use-issues-a-priority/)





There’s no quick fix for behavioral health issues like mental illness and substance use disorders — so for those that need help, there’s no time to waste.

**That’s why we’re asking California’s current and future elected leaders to make solutions a priority and increase access to care for mental illness and substance use disorders.**

[**Sign the OHC petition and tell California’s candidates and elected officials to make mental illness and substance use care a top priority. OHC will deliver these petitions before November’s election.**](http://www.ourhealthcalifornia.org/petitions/tell-california-candidates-to-make-mental-illness-and-substance-use-issues-a-priority/)

When California has led on important issues in the past, the rest of the country has followed. Once again, our state can set our country on the right path — a path that helps all Americans access the mental health care they need and deserve.

Together we can help everyone get the care they need.

Thank you,

[SIGNER]

P.S. We need to help Our Health California send 20,000 petitions before November’s election to show California’s candidates — and those already in office — that we want answers. [**Sign your name today and OHC will deliver your petition before the election.**](http://www.ourhealthcalifornia.org/petitions/tell-california-candidates-to-make-mental-illness-and-substance-use-issues-a-priority/)