

President Trump signs Barr-led bill to curb opioid deaths

Press Release

Washington, D.C.— This week, President Trump signed legislation boosting funding to an opioid recovery grant program, authored and championed by U.S. Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY). First enacted in 2018, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery through Effective Employment and Reentry (CAREER) Act created a targeted funding stream for treatment recovery centers to help individuals overcome addiction and successfully transition back into the workforce.

The CAREER Act grant program was included in the comprehensive SUPPORT for Patients and Communities

Reauthorization Act of 2025, an extensive package focused on opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery. Under this reauthorization, programs funded through the CAREER Act received a \$7 million annual increase, bringing total funding to \$210 million. This boost provides critical resources to treatment providers nationwide, empowering individuals struggling with substance use disorder to rebuild their lives and reenter the workforce.

“Kentucky’s made significant strides in reducing overdose deaths thanks to the incredible efforts of our providers, but our fight against addiction is not over,” said Congressman Barr. “I’m grateful to Chairman Guthrie for his leadership on the

SUPPORT Act, which reauthorized and expanded funding for the CAREER Act. This legislation equips providers on the frontlines with the tools they need to help individuals in recovery successfully return to the workforce, reclaiming the dignity, pride, and sense of purpose.”

“Our efforts are making a real difference in combating the nation’s opioid epidemic and saving lives through impactful legislation like the SUPPORT Act and the CAREER Act,” said Congressman Hal Rogers (R-KY). “I want to thank Congressman Andy Barr for his work on the CAREER Act and Chairman Brett Guthrie for bringing this whole package across the finish line.”

“CAREER Act funding has helped us target resources for Kentuckians in recovery. We have been able to establish peer-to-peer mentorship programs and enable patients to pursue educational opportunities with this funding. We are grateful for the expansion of these resources and thank Congressman Barr for his leadership,” said Kara Ball, Chief Development and Communications Officer at Isaiah House, who received a \$2.4M federal grant through the CAREER Act.

Research from the Recovery Research Institute shows that helping people in recovery reconnect with the workforce not only strengthens their long-term stability, but also boosts their chances of remaining

drug-free in the critical months after treatment. Meaningful employment gives individuals a renewed sense of purpose, helps restore dignity, and allows them to contribute to their families and communities as they rebuild their lives.

While overdoses in Kentucky dropped by 30% in 2024 – which is an extraordinary improvement – the latest data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) still has Kentucky in the top ten for U.S. States and Territories in overdose death rates. In 2024, over 1,400 Kentucky families got the call that their loved one had passed away due to an overdose. This legislation will play a vital role in reducing overdose deaths and keeping families whole.

Thanksgiving holiday weekend draws record 203M shoppers

Press Release

WASHINGTON — A record 202.9 million consumers shopped during the five-day holiday weekend from Thanksgiving Day through Cyber Monday, according to the annual consumer survey released today by the National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics. The figure is up from 197 million shoppers last year and surpasses the previous record of 200.4 million set in 2023. The total also exceeds NRF’s initial expectations of 186.9 million shoppers over the holiday weekend.

“Thanksgiving weekend is an important time for families and

friends to come together, and holiday shopping plays a key role in that shared experience,” said NRF President and CEO Matthew Shay. “This year’s record turnout reflects a highly engaged consumer who is focused on value, responds to compelling promotions, and seizes upon the opportunity to make the winter holidays special and meaningful.”

Consumers turned out both in-store and online throughout the five days. A total of 129.5 million consumers shopped in-store, up 3% from 126 million in 2024. Online saw 134.9 million shoppers, up 9% from 124.3 million last year.

Black Friday remains

the top shopping day for both in-store and online, attracting 80.3 million in-store shoppers and 85.7 million online, slightly below last year’s totals of 81.7 million and 87.3 million, respectively.

However, shoppers ramped up their activity over the weekend. Saturday drew 62.7 million in-store consumers, up slightly from 61.1 million in 2024, and 63 million online compared with 53.9 million last year. Notably, the Sunday after Thanksgiving drew a record 32.6 million in-store shoppers, a 27% increase over the 25.6 million who shopped in 2024. And 38.7 million shopped online on Sunday, compared with 32.8

million last year.

Cyber Monday continues to be the second most popular day for online shopping, attracting 75.9 million online shoppers compared with 64.4 million in 2024. Mobile remains the most popular way for online shoppers to browse and buy on Cyber Monday for the second year in a row, with 46.9 million consumers shopping online via their mobile device, up from 40.4 million last year.

The top shopping destinations during Thanksgiving weekend were supermarkets (47%) and online (45%). Other top destinations included department stores (40%), clothing stores (37%) and

discount stores (30%).

Nearly all (96%) of those shopping over the weekend made a holiday-related purchase, spending \$337.86 on average on items like gifts, holiday apparel, decorations and other seasonal purchases. This is up from \$315.56 last year and is the highest figure since 2019’s record of \$361.90. Approximately 67% (\$225.74) was spent on gifts this past weekend.

The top gifts purchased during this period were clothing and accessories (51%), followed by toys (32%). Books and other media (28%) saw an increase from 22% last year and surpassed gift cards (26%) as the third most popular gift pur-

chased during the weekend.

“Consumers continue to take advantage of the extended holiday shopping weekend with online deals on Cyber Monday. While mobile devices now lead as the most popular way to shop online for Cyber Monday, laptops also remain popular,” Prosper Executive Vice President of Strategy Phil Rist said. “Whether it’s new clothes or shoes, the season’s top toy, a new video game or a classic novel, shoppers are looking for that perfect gift for loved ones. They will continue to shop across the devices and destinations that best fit their needs throughout the busy holiday season.”

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