

Rep. Kind: Calls on congressional leadership to bring bill addressing opioid addiction to the floor

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PROPER Act passed through Committee, but is waiting for a full vote in the House

La Crosse – Today, **U.S. Rep. Ron Kind** called on House leadership to bring legislation he authored, the bipartisan *PROPER Act*, to the House floor for a vote. The *PROPER Act* was recently passed out of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

“As a former prosecutor, I know that the opioid epidemic cannot be solved through the criminal justice system; Rather, it will require a public health response to break the cycle of addiction,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “Today, I am calling on Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi to bring the *PROPER Act* to the floor, so our communities can start working together to end the growing drug crisis and help our communities heal.”

The package was included as part of Rep. Kind’s comprehensive Drug Epidemic Action Plan, which was collaboratively created after a series of listening sessions with Wisconsin law enforcement officials, community health centers, medical professionals, drug treatment officials, and families of those suffering from addiction.

Over 64,000 people in the United States died from drug related overdoses in 2016 –

42,000 from opioids alone. In Wisconsin, emergency room visits for opioid overdoses more than doubled over the course of a year.

Read the letter [here](#).