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# Speaker Ryan: Statement on White House initiative to fight youth opioid abuse

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**WASHINGTON—**House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) released the following statement on the White House's new initiative to combat the opioid epidemic with a focus on educating young Americans about the dangers of opioid use and addiction:

"*The opioid epidemic has no boundaries—it has brought harrowing losses to our communities and has cut short too many futures. We are resolute in the fight against this scourge, and with this new initiative to better educate young people about the realities and dangers of opioids, more lives can be saved.*

*The measures the House will begin considering next week continue our work to prevent and treat these destructive addictions."*