



Dear PARSE Coalition Members,

Support for the **NYS Recovery Ready Workplace Act (Senate Bill - Assembly Bill)** is steadily growing. We have been meeting with employers, unions, not for profits, associations, and reaching out to legislators.

**Please join this effort!** We need your help in registering support and sponsorship! Below are templates that can be used for that purpose. **Click this link for the Word versions of the templates** if you prefer to use your own organizational logo or edit the messaging. **Please mark this spreadsheet** so we can keep track of these efforts.

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**Script (Legislator):**

Hello!

I am calling/emailing you today with **[organization]** as a member of the **NYS Coalition to Prevent Addiction and Support Recovery in Employment**. I am also a **[constituent? person in recovery, family member to someone in recovery or struggling with addiction, ally to the recovery movement]**. I am calling to ask that you co-sponsor the NYS Recovery Ready Workplace Act – **S8381/A9063**.

This legislation creates a voluntary program for employers to become recovery ready workplaces. A recovery ready workplace supports employees' health and wellness, preventing employees from initiating addiction and creates a work environment and implements policies to support those workers seeking recovery.

Did you know that:

- Between 2009 to 2015, an estimated 225,000 New York workers were lost from the labor market due to opioids.
- Employees in recovery save their employers an average of \$8,500 annually.
- Employers who establish Recovery Ready Workplace programs have saved money due to reduced absenteeism, healthier work environment, greater productivity, and lower healthcare costs.

Will you please sign on as a co-sponsor to this legislation?

We will be hosting an upcoming press conference where you can learn more about the legislation. I will send follow up information about the bill, the press conference and the PARSE coalition.

Thank you for your support.

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## Script (Organization):

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Union member assistance programs will be able to expand if the bill passes and is funded. There are basically two pathways to Recovery Ready Workplace: Member Assistance Programs or Recovery Ready Workplace Advisors and peers as defined by the Recovery Community Organizations. Both approaches are supported by the bill.

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**Draft Legislation Fact Sheet**

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**Join us at the next PARSE Full Coalition Meeting on Tuesday,  
March 5 at 3pm!**

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