



Greetings:

It is a sad and heartbreaking fact – opioid-related drug overdoses have taken the lives of more than 650,000 people across the country in the last 25 years. Each of these people leaves behind family, friends and loved ones who cared for them and who grieve their loss each day.

Nothing can be done to return those we have lost to the opioid epidemic. But what we can do – what we must do – is work together to provide the means to end this crisis. We can work together on efforts to prevent and treat opioid addiction.

As Trustee of the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust, my job is to see to it that the funds Georgia receives through the national settlements are used wisely and in way that invites transparency and accountability.

We will work together – public and private sector partners – to develop the resources and programs necessary to offer hope to the hopeless and help them find a path toward recovery. Georgia is a state that values hope – that does not give up on those who need a helping hand. We will demonstrate that each day through the work of the Trust.

I want to thank Governor Brian Kemp for his leadership in combatting the opioid epidemic. Thanks also to Attorney General Chris Carr and the members of the General Assembly for their support. Lastly, let me thank the members of the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Council for their advice and counsel as well as our local government partners.

In closing, if you or someone you know needs help with substance abuse or other emotional distress, remember that you can always call 988 – a free, confidential resource available that provides support 24/7 anywhere in America.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Tanner", written in a cursive style.

Kevin Tanner
Trustee