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The Sussex County Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery Program  
39 Trinity Street  
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Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather for the Sussex County Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery (C.L.E.A.R.) program's first anniversary press conference.

Since its founding, the Sussex County C.L.E.A.R. program has been committed to providing strong and effective drug addiction recovery programs. The C.L.E.A.R. program helps to ensure that area residents have better access to substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery services. I commend your commitment to finding a response to the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic that has crippled our communities.

As your United States Senator, I have worked with law enforcement and public health professionals to address the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic and its threat to public health and safety. Last August, I convened a panel discussion with then-Surgeon General Vivek Murthy and then-Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin to strategize solutions to this crisis. I also worked to bring additional federal resources to law enforcement, including an Anti-Heroin Task Force grant to the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, and to expand the NJ/NY High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program to Monmouth County, which has experienced a sharp rise in both heroin and opioid use and trafficking. I will continue to support critical efforts like these, and I look forward to joining with you as you work to combat drug abuse.

As you reflect on the past year and look towards the future, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C.A. Booker', written over a horizontal line.

Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator