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Dear Editors:

Please accept the attached manuscript with the journal, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. The manuscript is entitled, "The Influence of Legal Coercion on Dropout From Substance Abuse Treatment: Results From a National Survey." We are confident that the article will be a good fit with the journal and make an important contribution to the empirical literature on substance abuse treatment policy, as it relates to the use of legal coercion.

As the prior research on legal coercion has utilized small samples, this study overcomes this problem by using data from a national survey from multiple programs in the public sector of care. The findings show that legal coercion reduces the risk of treatment dropout, although the effects are different across treatment modalities.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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