

Good morning, Senators,

My name is Cassandra and I am a constituent from Brattleboro.

I am writing to you all today about bill H.72, An act relating to a harm-reduction criminal justice response to drug use. My understanding is that the bill was referred to the committee on January 16th, but I don't believe the committee has had the opportunity to add it to an agenda yet.

I know there has been talk in my community about an overdose prevention center coming to Brattleboro as a result of this bill. As someone who works in the intersection of human services and criminal justice, I would like to voice my **strong support** for this initiative. *I would also like to make it clear that I am voicing this opinion independently of my employer, and as a private citizen.*

I hope the committee will join me in support of expanding harm reduction responses in our state. I know my community suffers terribly from the opioid crisis, and I look forward to a day where we can have more support for our neighbors, friends, and loved ones.

Respectfully,
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