

Dear Senators Clarkson, Brock, Hinsdale, Chittenden, and Weeks,

On behalf of Vermont's AIDS Service Organizations, I am writing to respectfully urge your support for the provision in H.772 that protects tenants from losing their housing if they seek emergency assistance during a drug overdose. A central focus of our work is harm reduction and overdose prevention. People should never have to choose between calling for lifesaving help and risking the loss of their housing. Ensuring that tenants are protected when seeking emergency medical assistance will help save lives and support safer, healthier communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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