

Chairs Lieber and Kropf, members of the Joint Interim Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response,

I am a retired substance abuse prevention professional who knows from experience that wrap-around services are the best way to deal with populations suffering from addiction and overdoses. Please help to address this issue that affects all of us in our community. Wrap-around services include the provision of housing and accessible treatment of substance abuse disorders and mental health problems.

The campaign to repeal Measure 110 is not an acceptable solution and will do nothing to address the real problem. Let law enforcement do its job and stop forcing this sector to deal with the mental health and addiction crisis that disproportionately affects populations of color.

It's no secret what is needed and what would be effective. Access to treatment services needs to be expanded. Please help our communities!

Sincerely,
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