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On Behalf Of:

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Hello,

I am a Bus Operator for Lane Transit District (LTD) which primarily services Springfield and Eugene Oregon. We have many individuals that are participating in drug use both at the stops/stations and on the bus itself. It is not fair for other passengers who rely heavily on public transportation to be exposed to illegal and dangerous drugs while waiting for their bus or while on the bus. It's also not fair to the Operator of the vehicle (who might be in that vehicle for 14 hours per LTD contract) and is now being exposed to whatever drug for the duration of the day. There is not much that the company or police can do when these individuals decide to use these drugs. I would like for there to be some sort of police intervention and rehabilitation to hopefully help out the community.