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Health professionals will cite studies and research and claim that their approach is evidence based. But the studies are narrow in scope. They focus solely on benefits to vulnerable populations, and they do not study the impact on surrounding communities.

There are zero studies showing that mobile needle drop units are more effective than housed service facilities in stable continuous locations.

Used needles are considered hazardous waste and it is illegal to dispose of them by just throwing them away and even more egregious to throw them on the streets where kids and dogs play. But that's exactly what mobile needle drops are enabling with their reckless behavior.

They operate with impunity and with zero accountability for the harms that they cause to neighbors and neighborhoods.

Please support SB 1573 and require mobile needle drop units to be accountable for the consequences of their actions.

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