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Senator Reynolds asked what the remedy is for our neighborhood. There is NO REMEDY because there are no laws regarding syringe distribution. As of right now, anyone can distribute syringes anywhere in the state. Currently, it is lawful to distribute syringes 500 feet from the front steps of a school, and that is what PPOP was doing.

We approached PPOP. They ignored us for months. They are not responsive to community input. As your expert admits, they are a bad actor in the harm reduction arena.

We approached the city. They told us that there was nothing they could do because of state law.

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We want common sense regulation around syringe distribution. Syringe service programs should not take place near schools. We need a state law that codifies this.