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On Behalf Of: Cathedral School
Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1573

My name is Nicole Selis. I am a teacher and a parent at Cathedral School. I urge you to support SB 1573.

As a teacher and a parent, my primary concern is the safety and well-being of all of the children. While I understand the intent of harm reduction services, we are currently experiencing harm displacement. Our children should not have to encounter discarded needles or drug paraphernalia within 2,000 feet of where they learn and play. Also as staff we should not be worried on our walk from the parking lot to our front door that there will be hazardous drug supplies strewn about in the pathways of children entering our school grounds. Nor be responsible for picking up needles, foil etc. ourselves. I love being downtown and the feeling of a city. I understand like all larger cities we can not control everyone but we can have restrictions in place especially for the safety of our children.

This bill is a common-sense solution that:

- ? Establishes a necessary safety buffer around schools and daycares.
- ? Ensures accountability for programs that operate in close proximity to children.
- ? Restores the expectation that school zones should be protected spaces.

Please vote YES on SB 1573 to ensure that our school environments remain clean, safe, and focused on our children's future.

Sincerely,
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