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I am voicing my opposition to SB 1573.

As the daughter of a former drug user I must speak very directly, I owe not only my health, wellbeing and perhaps even existence to these programs but also the continued existence of my mother to them. It is very clear this bill will have massive impact upon exchange services in the middle of this massive fentanyl epidemic. It can easily be argued this will cause the death of many members of our community, people's mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and friends. it will further the spread of HIV and HCV, literally sicken our communities.

These are not glamorous programs and are often portrayed in a very negative and bias light but if truth is told one can conclude, they are absolutely vital. This bill at best hopes to sweep a real issue under the carpet and cause erasure and death of the most vulnerable people in our state. I am personal shocked to see people openly associated with such an action. These programs save massive amounts of healthcare dollars. it is in the eyes of many a vicious hateful act.

I implore this committee to follow current evidence, facts, science and humanity to advance this no further.