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I want to register my strong support for this bill and would encourage this committee to approve it and pass it further up the chain for continued consideration. While the merits of so-called "harm reduction" may continue to be debated, one thing is absolutely clear in this discussion: the distribution of drug paraphernalia to active addicts has absolutely no business taking place anywhere near our schools or other public facilities, including parks, ball fields, or libraries, just to name a few. It is well documented that such drug paraphernalia distribution activities attract large numbers of addicts, most of whom should be committed to secure, locked down rehabilitation facilities rather than being allowed to continue roaming the streets unfettered. Providing these addicts with free syringes, smoking foil, glass pipes, boofing kits, and other tools of addiction, is grossly inappropriate to begin with, and even more so when done near schools. Please focus on finding ways to provide more and improved rehabilitation opportunities rather than further opportunities to deepen the spiral of addiction.