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As written in already published testimony by a physician at OHSU, there is no evidence to suggest that needle exchanges increase drug use. 2000 feet from a school effectively eliminates a majority of critical access for addicted people, reducing personal risk of exposure related to syringe sharing and harming public health of our community. Eliminating these services means failing our most vulnerable community members. Children are not at risk by these programs, period. Please protect our community by maintaining access to all needle exchange programs in Portland.