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I support SB 1573 because it addresses a gap between policy and reality. While harm reduction efforts are meant to help, communities have been left without practical, place-based guardrails when impacts concentrate in specific locations. We're not talking about moral judgments or lessening the impacts of harm reduction. We need accountability so neighborhoods are not left to manage dangerous impacts without voice or recourse, particularly in areas near schools and childcare facilities. Children deserve to go to school in a safe and clean environment free from open drug use, excessive waste, and increased crime.

What has been missing is a framework that balances public health goals with place-based responsibility. SB 1573 helps restore clarity in a way that supports both public health and community stability. Thank you for your attention to this matter.