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Senate Committee On Early Childhood and  
Behavioral Health

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SB1573

Topic:

Hello,

I am writing in opposition to SB 1573. Based on my knowledge, this will effect almost all of rural Oregon and every ssp in Deschutes County. Areas that have failed to establish or abolished safe syringe programs have seen significant increase in HIV cases. By removing safe disposal areas and programs that collect syringe litter this bill will contribute to the accumulation of sharps. This bill is set up to do so much harm by cutting people off from lifesaving services. It has been proven that communities with access to harm reduction programs see an increase in individuals seeking rehabilitation services. The programs in this state and in this county have done so much work establishing trust through congruence and consistency. This bill would significantly impact the hard-won relationships harm reduction programs have with their respective communities. I urge you to work with, not against, these programs for the betterment of everyone in your communities and find a solution that works for everyone.

Thank you for reading my testimony.