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It is understandable not wanting to have some of these facilities directly next door to a school. However, 2,000 ft would virtually eliminate these life-saving, evidence-based harm reduction services. With the increasing difficulty of finding access to mental health care, support systems, a place to safely dispose of dirty syringes, free access to Narcan, condoms Etc for our most vulnerable community members will most certainly lead to more deaths, more syringes on the ground, and ultimately more suffering around all of our state. There was a time in my life where I was struggling very hard and services like these helped me get back on my feet, get sober and get support. This will only negatively impact our State of Affairs. Until everyone has access to healthcare and mental health care, services like these are a lifeline to people that don't have any support systems, come from traumatic upbringings, and are mentally ill and desperately need the support and kindness of these humanitarian efforts. I owe my greater well-being currently from having access to these services in the past. I implore you to vote no on this bill which will ultimately negatively impact our entire state. It will cause a further rise in deaths and disease which will end up costing taxpayers more money in the long run. During a time when so many people are struggling please do not remove their lifeline. Vote no!