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I strongly support Senate Bill 1573. As a resident with children I am directly impacted. When a harm reduction service operated nearby, I've picked up used needles and foil on the sidewalk, in our yard, and in a park nearly daily. My children had to navigate around groups of drug users on their way to school, which is where the harm reduction services were offered, on a street dedicated as a "safe route to school". The harm reduction service only operated for a few hours per week, but left us to deal with the negative impact that their operation had on our community for the rest of the time.

This bill helps to provide safer spaces around schools and childcares by asking mobile programs to operate away from schools. Harm reduction should not come at the expense of our children's safety.