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Date: April 13, 2021 To: Chairman Griesheimer and Members of the Emerging Issues Committee From: Angela Brown, CEO, St. Louis Regional Health Commission RE: In Support of SB 64 Dear Chairman Griesheimer and Members of the Emerging Issues Committee, My name is Angela Brown, and on behalf of the St. Louis Regional Health Commission (RHC), I am writing in strong support of SB 64. The RHC is a non-profit organization representing hospital systems, community health centers, community non-profits, providers, and patients. We ask you to pass SB 64 to increase access to vital substance use disorder treatment, reduce the spread of infectious disease, and promote public safety. The opioid epidemic continues to grow in Missouri. In 2018, one out of 56 deaths was attributed to opioid-involved overdoses. We know that providing sterile syringes can save lives by increasing access to substance use disorder treatment. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that new users of Syringe Services Programs (SSPs), which provide clean needle exchange among other services, are five times more likely to enter drug treatment and three times more likely to stop using drugs than those who don't use the programs. In Missouri, the opioid epidemic is also increasing the spread of infectious disease associated with injection drug use, including HIV, hepatitis B virus, and hepatitis C virus (HCV). Nationwide and statewide, the majority of new HCV infections are from injection drug use. In 2016, the CDC identified 13 Missouri counties at highest risk in the country for an HIV or HCV outbreak from sharing needles. Providing sterile needles through syringe exchange programs is an evidence-based strategy to reduce the spread of blood-borne infections. According to the CDC, SSPs can reduce HIV and HCV incidence by 50%. Research shows that needle exchange not only improves public health but also is cost effective. George Washington University's study found that Washington, D.C.'s needle exchange program prevented 120 new cases of HIV infection and saved over \$44 million in a two-year period. A 2014 study found that each dollar invested in needle exchange programs saved at least \$6 in costs averted from HIV transmission. Syringe exchange also promotes public safety. Though some may falsely believe that needle exchange programs promote more needles on the street, providing safe needle disposal and exchange reduces the presence of discarded needles in the community. Studies in Baltimore and New York City also show no difference in crime rates between areas with and areas without SSPs. We encourage you to listen to supporters across the political spectrum and the evidence on the effectiveness of syringe exchange programs. Help save lives in Missouri and pass SB 64 to decriminalize vital public health programs. Thank you for your time and consideration. Angela Brown, CEO St. Louis Regional Health Commission



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| I am in Support of this Bill. This is a "No-Brainer!" | | | |



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The KCMO Health Commission supports this legislation as it provides protections for and promotes access to Syringe Services Programs (SSPs).



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I am the Chief Staff Officer of Missouri Nurses Association – a one-hundred-year-old organization – that is the only statewide, full-service, professional nursing organization representing the approximately 110,000 registered nurses in Missouri. The Missouri Nurses Association supports Senate Bill 64. Syringe Access Programs (SAPs), also called Needle Syringe Programs (NSPs), give those who inject drugs the opportunity to get hypodermic needles or syringes at little to no cost and without a prescription. SAPs/NSPs increase referrals of people who inject drugs to evidence-based substance use disorder treatment and have a 5x's higher rate of going into treatment. These programs are proven to reduce the transmission of HIV, viral hepatitis and other blood borne diseases caused by needle sharing, help prevent serious disease outbreaks, and protect non-drug users from disease. Allowing groups to establish lawful SAP will prevent serious disease outbreaks, and protect non-drug users from disease. Research has also conclusively shown that syringe access programs do not increase drug use or crime. These programs are supported by every major medical and public health organization in the U.S. and the world, including the American Nurses Association, National Academy of Sciences, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and World Health Organization. We are asking you to please support SB 64 to help reduce the risk of infectious disease and overdose and improve access to healthcare and treatment of injection drug users.



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