

Dear Alders, Commissioner of Health Kowalick and Dr. Freiheit (Ms. Polanco or Mr. Owczarksi, please forward this email to the Commissioner of Health Jeanette Kowalik and Dr. Freiheit and I request that this email be added to the record for CC File no. 181416 <https://milwaukee.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3785818&GUID=E5B46581-618A-4939-9438-2CAA61628F7>)

This is regarding the following item that was heard by the Public Safety and Health Committee this morning:

12. 181416 Communication from various municipal and non-profit agencies relating to on-going needle exchange programs.

The War on Drugs has led directly to people resorting to injecting substances. If there was a regulated source for opioids where people could purchase a known dosage and purity of these substances, it would be extremely rare that anyone would inject them.

But because of the addiction to controlling what people inoffensively possess and consume by people in The Government, we have illegitimate laws like the Controlled Substances Act. Every human being born into this world has the natural and inherent right and necessity to be the masters of their own bodies. The State has illegitimately asserted the right to arbitrarily control what people inoffensively possess and consume regardless of the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness ostensibly guaranteed by the Constitution.

Do any of the millions of people currently addicted to pharmaceutical anti-depressants crush their pills and inject them?

It is because The State has arbitrarily criminalized certain substances that an unregulated "street market" exists. This supply is adulterated with fentanyl and God only knows what else. Consumers purchase these substances at inflated prices in dangerous situations which are often accompanied by violence and crime. And it is the fact that these controlled substances are so hard to get, with so much risk involved, that many consumers choose to inject them to maximize their perceived "benefit". The result: HIV, Hepatitis C, Overdoses and health risks to the general public from discarded needles.

I realize you don't want to hear this and you don't want to accept your responsibility as the arm of The State here in the City of Milwaukee for all of the collateral damage caused by the addiction to controlling other people that is so evident in the The State's violent and coercive War on Drugs.

I'm not suggesting there is an easy way out of this problem which has been festering for 3 generations now. But until we all start talking about the Criminalization of arbitrarily controlled substances IN ADDITION to the very real Mental and Physical Health issues associated with these admittedly very dangerous substances, our streets will continue to be littered with needles.

Sincerely,

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