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Testimony on behalf of HB 5780 An Act Concerning Safe Schools

Efficacy is an organization that looks at peaceful ways of solving social problems. At this particular junction we are focusing our efforts on the War on Drugs because it is two degrees from everything in society. We feel that A Better Way is an organization that chips away at the problem piece by piece. We support them and House Bill 5780 because we understand that drug policy has to be a multi pronged approach.

From statistics we can see that a majority of drug dealing transaction occur between adult and adult not adult and child. Currently, the law is holding the community hostage where very little is accomplished if anything at all. It does not stop drug dealing and it surely does not deter drug transaction away from schools, it promotes unrestricted surveillance of the community and holds an unclear purpose. If the law was in place to protect children and it is not doing so then why do we have it at all?

What we have to understand is that there is no drug known to man that becomes safer when the production and distribution is handed over to criminals. As the law stands today around drugs, that is precisely what we have done. Why leave this law the way it is when we know it is not working for the community or the intended recipient.

Please considering looking at a new approach in dealing with drug policy in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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