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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, members of the committee; I am the co-founder of the Windham Harm Reduction Coalition of Willimantic and I have been involved with the opioid user for several years. I am sorry that I cannot appear before you today but I would like to give you some reasons that I support this bill. I have lost some friends and clients who could have been saved with the simple injection of Naloxone. In a recent article in the Hartford Courant a young man from Storrs CT overdosed and his girl friend was arrested for hiding the paraphernalia. I am sure that with a 10 minute training and the availability of Naloxone, this young man would be with us today and his girlfriend's life would not be in ruins. Naloxone is not a drug that is subject to abuse and I doubt that the availability of Naloxone would open the door for new abuse. I have several persons who have informed me that Naloxone saved their life.

I am requesting your support for H.B. NO. 5063 so that we do not lose anymore of our citizens.

Thank you for your time

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