

# LaBonne's MARKETS

Senate Bill 39

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Stores located in Watertown, Woodbury, Salisbury and Southbury

I am here to support Senate Bill number 39 for the following reasons:

- I currently employ 335 associates and residents of CT
- I have seen over the last 30 years as a manager and now owner the devastation drugs have done to my workers and their families
- I have had thousands dollars stolen from me in cash and products from both employees and customers hooked on drugs and it continues to get worse
- I have personally loaned thousands to associates for lawyers, back rent, car repairs, food etc, because drug money cut in to their ability to provide the basic essentials to live
- My cousin was shot to death at 27 over drugs and the 3 people who were involved are serving 40 years in jail, wasting tax dollars
- You can't get any closer to a family, and community problem than that.

You have the potential to change the course of thousands of peoples lives in CT, this country and possibly the world. The last sentence of my personal mission statement is, "To make the world a better place one person at a time". That's why I am here today just one year after my heart attack to continue my mission. Please help me do this and let's save thousands of lives together.