

Testimony

In Support of  
H.B. 5392: An Act Concerning The Collection And Disposal Of Unwanted Medication

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Public Safety and Security Committee

Good afternoon Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and distinguished members of the Public Safety and Security Committee.

For the record, I am Jeffrey Arthur Toler. I am student at the University of Connecticut and a legislative intern for Senator Crisco. I am also a combat veteran of Afghanistan and a resident of the town of Groton and the views expressed during this testimony are solely my own.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 5392: An Act Concerning The Collection And Disposal Of Unwanted Medication.

A secured lockbox that is accessible to the public on a twenty-four hour daily basis for the anonymous drop-off of unwanted pharmaceuticals at police stations is beneficial to the community.

Upon receiving surgeries at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Haven, CT my doctor prescribed Oxycodone and Tramadol as well as other medications to take as needed with the estimated amount prescribed being 500 pills for post-surgery treatments. I used only what was necessary and found that I was unable to properly dispose of the medication that I had been prescribed. Only after repeated attempts of trying to find a facility to discard of the unwanted medication, such as the police department and CVS, did I find myself with the option of flushing the medicine down the toilet or throwing it away in the trash can.

I was not given any information on the proper disposal of medications and did have not a safe place to drop off and dispose of unwanted pharmaceutical medications.

I, therefore, urge your support.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 5392: An Act Concerning The Collection And Disposal Of Unwanted Medication