

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR HB6856:

As a clinician whose worked almost 19 years in the field of addiction and Recovery, and as a person whose family has been touched by alcoholism and by heroin addiction, I've seen and I've come to know the exhaustive and often times fatal ravages of drug addiction, including dependence, relapse and overdose. Recently we've been trained to identify signs of opioid overdose, as well as trained in the use of Naloxone. We're now able to educate our clients on Naloxone's availability and its importance of saving a life from opioid overdose. I personally and professionally support strengthening of the state's PMP program to effectively monitor prescription drug abuse; "reconstituting Alcohol and Drug Policy Council for smarter strategies", as well as the continued education of health professionals about safer prescription policies. Sincerely,  
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