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Good day, everyone. My name is Siiri Cressey. I am a citizen of Lewiston Maine. I am also the adult child of an addict.

One of my father's preferred substances was alcohol. Another was heroin. One is legal within the United States. The other is not. Both are highly addictive.

Being an addict is difficult enough. What purpose does incarcerating addicts for possessing illegal drugs for their own use serve? We do not jail alcoholics for having beer, or nicotine addicts for cigarettes. Instead, these substances are regulated, people are educated on their effects, + treatment is available for those addicted to them who want it. I believe the same should be done regarding so-called hard drugs, + the individuals who use them.

In light of this, I urge you to join representatives Lydia Crafts, William Faulkingham, Anne Perry, Erin Sheehan, David Boyer, Lucas Lanigan, + Nina Milliken, + senators Donna Bailey, Craig Hickman, + Stacy Brenner in voting in favor of bill LD1975: An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs.