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LD 109

I urge the members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety committee to vote ought not to pass on LD 109.

The misleading name of this bill will increase safety for no one. Recovery houses are key facilities for supporting those living with substance use disorder and working on sobriety. With affordable housing in short supply and many ill people living on the streets, the committee can and should reject this attempt to close existing recovery houses.

Substance use disorder is an illness, not a crime. Treating it as a crime is a direct cause of the current overdose epidemic. Do not erect more barriers to receiving help for this mental illness. Reject LD 109.