

Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair
House Judiciary Committee
100 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Clippinger and members of the Committee,

I write to you today in **opposition to HB1398**, which would further criminalize people with substance use disorder. In brief, this bill has a worthy aim of preventing overdoses, but there's just no evidence that the proposed policy will achieve that aim. As Governor Moore says, we must be "heart-led AND data-driven;" this bill may be heart-led, but it is not driven by sound data.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping letters that appear to be 'H', 'M', and 'H'.

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