

WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Dear Senator Theresa Gavarone,

This letter is in regards to SB55. As the Sheriff of Wood County we have a serious drug overdose addiction problem like the rest of the state and region of our country.

Drug dealers know if they approach someone that is suffering from an addiction to their drug they have easy prey. The easy prey is found near rehabilitation centers. I strongly feel, if we increase the penalty for dealers to deal near these locations they will move further away, as they do not want to go to prison, and make the temptation less for the recovering addict.

We already have laws increasing penalties for various crimes near schools due to young people being influenced to do bad things why would we not want to do the same for another very vulnerable group of people? This bill makes sense!

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions or wish to discuss further. Many things got us where we are today, we need efforts from many directions to get us out of this crisis.

Sincerely,

Mark Wasylyshyn