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Dear Mayor Eisenberger, Police Chief Girt, and Councillors,

Recently, we have been working on Bill C-37 in the House of Commons and there is one element of this Bill I would like to bring to your attention because I believe it is particularly concerning for our community.

Currently, Bill C-37 allows for the placement of a safe injection site in your municipality *without consultation with you, your administration, local law enforcement or the community.*

To me, this is unacceptable. I've had the privilege of being able to work with and get to know many of you over the ten years that I have served as a Member of Parliament. It is unfathomable to me that such a community altering decision like a safe injection site could be located in our community without consultation and without associated financial support from the Federal Government for items such as policing of these sites or addictions treatment.

Don't get me wrong. The opioid crisis that many communities across Canada are facing is desperate and heartbreaking. We hear of addicts and recreational drug users who are dying in record numbers because of the existence of fentanyl and carfentanil in our communities. We absolutely must do something to curb the extremely disturbing statistics we are seeing. However, I believe the answer is in resources for treatment options, cracking down on drug dealers and addressing the illegal importing of these illicit drugs not the imposition of safe injection sites in communities.

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There are positive elements within C-37 such as increased authority and powers to CBSA to search and seize suspect packages, unregistered pill presses and other devices; and it would grant the Minister the authority to quickly and temporarily schedule and class new substances.

On Feb. 1, we introduced a motion to the House of Commons to split Bill C-37 into two bills. In doing this, we agreed to pass one portion of the bill immediately through the House of Commons and the Senate. It would have included key components like those listed above so we could move those aspects forward quickly. In doing so, we would have been able to have a fulsome debate on the appropriateness of consultation for safe injection sites. Unfortunately, this motion was defeated by the Liberals and NDP.

Here is where I'm asking for your help. If you share my concerns with lack of consultation on safe injection sites, I encourage you to write Minister of Health Jane Philpott asking her to split Bill C-37 and share your thoughts on the input your council would like to have on the application for and approval of safe injection sites for your community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



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