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Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Safe Drug Consumption Sites at Public Libraries

Dear Members of Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to designate public libraries—or any other spaces frequented by children—as safe drug consumption sites.

While I understand and appreciate the need for harm reduction and support services for individuals struggling with addiction, placing these sites in locations where children and families gather is deeply concerning. Public libraries serve as educational and safe community spaces, especially for youth and vulnerable populations. Introducing drug consumption activities in these environments directly undermines the sense of safety and trust that libraries are meant to uphold.

If the goal is to provide support and resources to those in need while maintaining the safety of all residents, then safe consumption sites should be located near shelters, encampments, or medical facilities better equipped to manage such services. These areas are already hubs for outreach and health initiatives and can offer the appropriate level of care without compromising child-centered public spaces.

Please prioritize the safety and well-being of all members of our community—especially our children—and reconsider any plans to place these facilities in or near public libraries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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