Rep. Tina Liebling 5th Floor Centennial Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155



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RE: Support for House Fill 1429

Dear Rep. Liebling:

On behalf of the Coalition of Recovery Investment, a leading advocate for substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery services, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed HF1429. This important legislative change would authorize the sharing of overdose incident location data with the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area's Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP), providing a critical tool for addressing the ongoing overdose crisis.

As an organization committed to improving access to life-saving interventions and supporting data-driven public health initiatives, we recognize the importance of accurate, real-time data in combating the opioid epidemic. By facilitating secure access to overdose incident data, ODMAP allows authorized users to:

- Report information on overdose incidents securely;
- View near real-time overdose data, enabling timely interventions;
- Generate real-time maps of suspected overdose locations to identify emerging hotspots; and
- Assist state and local decision-makers in allocating public health, public safety, and educational resources to respond effectively to overdose incidents.

The ability to track and analyze overdose trends is essential in informing rapid responses, directing resources where they are most needed, and ultimately saving lives.

We strongly urge committee members to support this important measure. By doing so, Minnesota will join other states in leveraging cutting-edge technology to address overdoses, improve public health outcomes, and strengthen the collaboration between healthcare providers, first responders, and law enforcement in the fight against substance use disorder.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. When we know more, we can do better and this legislation will help us track SUD overdoses to help with prevention efforts. If CORI can be of help or if you have questions, please reach out to CORI's consultants, Sarah Erickson, at <u>sarah.erickson@unitedstrategiesllc.com</u> or Tara Erickson at <u>tara@ericksonpublicaffairs.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Bill Messinger Chair Coalition of Recovery Investment