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Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of the Health Equity Council, Harm Reduction Strategy Group. Our organization is in strong support of the changes to the New Mexico harm reduction regulations introduced by the New Mexico Department of Health. These changes will assist us to appropriately respond to current substance use trends within our communities in the following ways:

- Further reduce opioid overdose
- Decrease the criminalization of people who use substances
- Allow for a proactive statewide approach to promote safety for current substance use trendz

HEC will continue to support harm reduction activities throughout Bernalillo County because they have been the most successful practices for people who use substances. Please adopt these changes so that we can continue to save lives and promote safe personal healthcare choices for all New Mexico residents.

Thank you for your consideration



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