



Treatment, Not Incarceration

Ask your local representative to support
SD. 1634/HD. 873

On Probation with a Substance Use Disorder?

1. Courts can mandate people remain drug-free
2. If the drug test is positive, treatment is interrupted
3. They are detained pending court hearing to potentially revoke probation



Why is this a Problem?

Individuals have a 40-60% rate of return to use (relapse) in treatment

Drug tests monitoring erodes patient-provider trust

Sustained remission comes from treatment, not further criminal justice involvement

How Would SD. 1634/HD. 873 Help?

1. Court would mandate substance use treatment, not drug testing
2. Drug tests would guide treatment instead of punishment
3. Courts support physicians to engage people with treatment



Results of Incarceration

120x

Overdose risk increase due to incarceration

\$100k

Yearly cost to incarcerate one person in a state prison

17%

One year recidivism rate to Massachusetts state prison

Benefits of Treatment

33%

Lower odds of opioid overdose if receiving telehealth treatment

\$4.1k

Cost of one inpatient treatment episode in Massachusetts

>50%

Drop in recidivism rate when completing treatment in probation.

We believe people with substance use disorder deserve effective, medically-indicated treatment, without punishment for their symptoms.



Help us make a difference by adding your voice to this crucial conversation.
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