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Dear Governor Brown:

I am concerned about overdose deaths. Overdoses now representing two percent of all US deaths, well above guns and car accidents and continues to increase. This will require a range of approaches, from prosecuting drug manufacturers at one end to safe injection sites at the other. These have been quite effective in Canada and Australia where deaths, drug related crime and discarded needles all dropped dramatically in these areas while enrollment in treatment programs rose. This is a logical step from the needle exchange programs which have been so effective in combating HIV infection. San Francisco is poised to host the first such site in the US. Unfortunately Ms Pfaff representing the DEA has signaled federal opposition but as with marijuana and immigration state support could have a big impact.

Please assure me that you will support safe injection sites.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our rational progressive policies.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson