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Madam Chair and committee

This bill tries to put a mask on our society's current mandate on criminalizing certain drug users and certain drug use. If possession of a substance is a crime then we should treat it as a crime, if we want to give immunity to those committing a crime then we should make what is a crime not a crime. I respect the sponsors of this bill and mourn with those who have lost loved ones, but I cannot understand what this will do except create more confusion and probably even more use of disparate discretion and harm, when in reality, all those involved should throw themselves at the mercy of the court after trying to save the one in distress.

I am a proponent of a Controlled Substances Act when it comes to synthetic substances and believe a hard on crime approach is more conducive to our Constitutional Republic, however, the most straightforward way to ensure that fear of criminalization does not deter help-seeking is true decriminalization.

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