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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing the City Council to express my support for the establishment of a supervised use site in Denver.

I support the site's establishment because as a person in long-term recovery from an opioid use disorder, I've lost countless friends to overdose. They died alone in alleyways, bathrooms, cars and under bridges. It took me over a decade to find and sustain recovery; primarily because I was isolated in my use and believed no one cared for me. I was never provided an opportunity to speak with a public health worker with no judgement, to discuss my options for getting healthier.

I've overdosed three times. Each of those instances I was lucky to be with friends courageous enough to call emergency services. If I'd been alone, I'd have been another statistic. Another mother without a son, another workplace without an employee, and another wife without her husband.

Evidence indicates supervised use works. If the city of Denver reverses just one overdose, or connects one person who used drugs to services to get healthier and live a more self-directed life, this entire effort will have been worth it.

Please join me in supporting supervised use and helping Denver be a leader in this crisis.

Regards,
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