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Dear Senator/Representative _____ ,

I am a member of the _____ community. I am writing to you today because I strongly believe that more needs to be done to address overdose within our community.

Overdose is a global health emergency. There has been a significant increase in overdose deaths over the last two decades across every corner of the world.

It's not in their job description, but ordinary community members – waiters, librarians, cab drivers, friends and teachers – are having to act as frontline responders due to government inaction. It is unacceptable that we rely on these unexpected responders to prevent, recognize and respond to this growing epidemic.

There is strong evidence to support practical solutions such as providing free access to naloxone, fentanyl testing kits and opioid substitution treatment.

I would like to know how you plan to address this issue in our community.

Sincerely,

MS/MRS/MR/MX _____