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## Iowa State Legislators:

As the President of the Iowa State Police Association, I commend the collaborative work of the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition and fully support their mission to expand awareness and implementation of Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) for injection drug users.

As a law enforcement officer, it is clear to me that we need to vigorously promote a gateway for treatment to injection drug use. Addiction is a public health issue, not a crime. SSPs create a point of contact with people with substance use disorders so they can access detoxification and treatment programs with help from community health outreach workers.

SSPs save money and lives, protect law enforcement, and increase public safety. Now is the time to lift legal barriers to SSPs, get more in operation and bring them out into the open through political support. I applaud the dedicated work of the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition, and encourage our state legislators to vote in favor of authorizing syringe access programs, Senate File 2294, when it comes before the state legislature in this year.

Sincerely,

Tim Pillack  
President  
Iowa State Police Association



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