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HOUSE DISTRICT 40



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For the record, I am State Representative Annessa Hartman for House District 40, representing Gladstone, Oregon City, and unincorporated Clackamas county. I urge your support for Rep. Dexter's Opioid Harm Reduction Policy Package.

I have watched our state's opioid epidemic tear families and communities apart as drug addiction, and overdoses become increasingly present in Oregonians' lives. To address this crisis, we need policies aimed at keeping people alive and preventing people from falling into drug addiction in the first place.

The Opioid Harm Reduction Policy Package, HB 2395, does precisely that. It protects Oregonians struggling with drug addiction by addressing the need for greater access to life-saving naloxone and decriminalizing fentanyl test strips.

It also recognizes the need for better data collection. As a mother, I know how accessible drugs are to our children. However, to fully understand the issue, we must know its scope. HB 2395 standardizes the state's data collection methodology and highlights underreported youth overdoses and deaths.

Please join me in supporting this critical legislation.

Thank you for your time.