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Dear Neighbor,

Opioid addiction and overdose deaths have taken an increasingly steep toll on Danbury, Connecticut and the nation. Like many communities, Danbury has suffered tragic losses of life due to this epidemic.

Recently, I voted for laws aimed at preventing overdose deaths and helping those struggling with opioid addiction. There is still a lot of work ahead of us, but by increasing prevention efforts and available treatment options we can save lives.

This mailer contains more information on these laws and resources that can help individuals struggling with addiction and their families. Please share them if you know a family member or friend in need of help.

Sincerely,

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LEGISLATION PASSED IN LAST THREE YEARS

INCREASED NARCAN ACCESS

- Allowed any licensed healthcare professional to administer Narcan, a drug that reverses opioid abuse
- Required municipalities to equip their first responders with Narcan
- Allowed pharmacists to prescribe Narcan and authorized prescribers to more easily distribute it to towns

LIMITED OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS, REDUCING THE RISK OF ADDICTION

- Capped first-time adult prescriptions at 7 days
- Capped all prescriptions for minors at 5 days
- Contains exceptions for certain medical conditions

IMPROVED ACCESS TO TREATMENT & INCREASED REPORTING

- Required health insurers to cover medically necessary detoxification services for individuals diagnosed with a substance use disorder
- Required hospitals to report incidences of opioid overdose to the Department of Public Health to better track trends

HELP FOR OPIOID ADDICTION: RESOURCES

Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services:

For substance use treatment 24/7 call: 1-800-563-4086

Danbury Substance Abuse Walk-in Assessment Centers:

Connecticut Counseling Centers - 203-743-7574. 60 Beaver Brook Rd.

Mon-Fri: 6am – 10am

Central Naugatuck Valley Help (CVN)/Travisano Network - 203-794-1975 24 Shelter Rock Rd. M-W: 9am-9pm, Th-Sat: 9am-5pm

MCCA - 203-792-4515. 38 Old Ridgebury Road. Mon-Fri: 9:30am-4pm

Additional Danbury Resources:

APEX Community Care - Rehab & Treatment Facility - 203-778-2437. 30 West St.

Community Action Agency of Western CT - Case Management Services for Substance Use Treatment - 203-744-4700, 66 North St.

Prevention & Recovery Services, Information for Parents, and Narcan availability: www.drugfreect.org

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