



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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CANADA

Member of Parliament
Cumberland-Colchester

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Dear Chair,

Yesterday Oregon made the decision to reverse decriminalization of hard drugs in the state. Oregon was the first US State to decriminalize hard drugs, and now they are the first state to end this dangerous experiment. The Liberal government has previously used Oregon's policies to justify decriminalization of hard drugs, such as fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine, in British Columbia where overdose deaths continue to hit record highs.

Despite the 40,000 overdose deaths since Trudeau took office, his Mental Health and Addiction Minister continues to push their reckless agenda of decriminalizing hard drugs and so-called "safe supply" without any proof it works. Now, with Oregon ending their experiment a failure, there is concrete evidence that it does not. This news comes after a string of drug busts in BC have found diverted so-called "safe supply" prescribed drugs in the hands of organized crime. This is just another example of this government's failure as taxpayer funded deadly drugs end up in communities, playgrounds, and schoolyards across the country.

As more evidence piles up against the Trudeau government's response to the opioid crisis, it becomes more evident that all they have produced is a string of failed experiments that are only making the problem worse.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106.4, we are calling for an emergency meeting to expand the ongoing opioid study to look at the recriminalization of drugs in Oregon, the diversion of drugs from so-called "safe supply" programs, and hear testimony from Liberal Ministers, RCMP Commissioner, and other witnesses to the devastating impact of decriminalization on our communities.

Dr. Stephen Ellis,
MP for Cumberland-Colchester, Conservative Shadow Minister for Health

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Laila Goodridge,
MP for Fort McMurray—Cold Lake, Conservative Shadow Minister for Addictions

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Todd Doherty,
MP for Cariboo-Prince George, Shadow Minister for Mental Health

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Dr. Robert Kitchen,
MP for Souris—Moose Mountain

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