To Whom It May Concern:

The overdose epidemic is hitting communities hard around the country, and Denver is no exception. Businesses and organizations across Denver have voiced their concern for overdoses occurring in their bathrooms. In 2016, at least 20 people died of overdose outside, in parks, or in business bathrooms, the year before it was at least 18. Many of these deaths occur in places we all often frequent: grocery stores, coffee shops, and convenience stores. Overdose deaths are preventable, and we as concerned citizens can do something about it.

This is our coalition of local businesses and organizations committed to supporting evidence-based interventions that prevent disease and death in our community. We look forward to having you as part of a growing and diverse coalition of stakeholders engaging in dialogue towards a comprehensive plan for the safety of our community. In solidarity, we ask Denver to take all necessary steps to authorize and establish supervised injection facilities as a public health intervention to reduce overdose deaths, HIV and viral hepatitis transmission, increase public safety, while promoting access to drug dependency treatment and other supportive care.

Businesses

City O' City
Mutiny Info Café
The Oriental Theater
Scales Pharmacy
Sweet Action Ice Cream
El Charrito
Sexpot Comedy
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Birdy Magazine
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The Culpepper, Esq.
McAllister Garfield, PC
Vicente Sederberg
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Campus Lounge
Hope Tank
Roostercat Coffee Co.
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Ladybud Magazine
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Costello Health Care Consulting
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Organizations

Drug Policy Alliance
Denver Medical Society
Colorado Medical Society
Colorado American College of Emergency Physicians
The Colorado Health Foundation
First Unitarian Society of Denver
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Liver Health Connection
Boulder Colorado AIDS Project
Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Young People in Recovery
Colorado Health Network
Broken No More
Thank Me Next Time, LLC
Live4Lali
The Empowerment Program
DanceSafe
Global Platform for Drug Consumption Rooms
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Colorado Organizations and Individuals Responding to HIV and AIDS (CORA)
American Friends Services Committee
IMPACT Network
Senior Support Services
Tribe Recovery Services
St. Francis Center
The Romero Theater Troupe

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