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Greetings,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on 7.4.6. My name is Anna and I work alongside those in Albuquerque striving to reduce substance misuse and the associated harms in our community. I am in strong support of the changes to the New Mexico harm reduction regulations introduced by the New Mexico Department of Health. These changes will assist implementing appropriate responses to current substance use trends within our communities in the following ways:

- Further reduce opioid overdose
- Decrease the criminalization of people who use substances
- Allow for a proactive statewide approach to promote safety for current substance use trends

Please adopt these changes so that we can continue to save lives and promote safe personal healthcare choices for all New Mexico residents.

Thank you for your consideration

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