

REGISTRATION BEFORE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Committee Name: PPJC Your Name: Jacob Negan

DATE of Meeting: 9/26/2023 Municipality You Reside in: Madison

Petition/CUP #/Resolution/Ordinance Amendment/Subject: 2023 OA-047

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1. On this occasion, are you officially representing an organization or a person other than yourself?
 YES NO
(If you checked "NO" STOP; you do not need to complete the rest of the form. If you checked "YES" go to the next question.)

Name, address and telephone number of each person or organization you are representing:

COMMENTS:

2. Are you being paid for your representation or appearing incidental to your other paid duties for this person or organization? YES NO
(If you checked "NO" to the question, STOP; you do not need to complete the rest of this form. If you checked "YES", go to the next question.)

3. Are you an elected official who is appearing solely on behalf of your office or for your municipality or other governmental body? YES NO
(If you checked "YES" to the question, STOP; you do not need to complete the rest of this form. If you checked "YES", go to the next question.)

4. Has or will the person or organization you represent spend more than \$500 on county lobbying activities during the current reporting period? YES NO
(A reporting period is January to June, or July to December.)

5. Do you anticipate making more than two contacts with the County Board supervisors other than at public hearings or meetings? YES NO
(Do not count contacts with the County Board supervisor who represents the district in which you reside.)
(If you checked "NO" to questions 4 and 5 above, STOP; you do not need to complete the rest of this form. However, if you do make more than 2 contacts at a later date, you must then contact the County Clerk's office to file a form indicating such activity. If you checked "YES" to either question, please continue to the question below. You must also sign this form.)

6. If you answered "YES" to question 5, do you understand that if the person or organization you represent spends more than \$500 during the current reporting period, you must file a financial disclosure statement with the County Clerk? YES NO
(If you checked "NO" please call the County Clerk at 266-4121 or go to the Clerk's office at 210 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Room 106A for more information.)

Date: 9/26/2023 Signature: [Signature]
Printed Name: Jacob Negan

Stavn, Stephanie

From: AC <annettegeek@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 1:12 PM
To: Stavn, Stephanie
Subject: 2023 OA-047 drug paraphernalia

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TO: Dane County Board Supervisors
FROM: Annette Czarnecki, 313 Potter St, Madison WI 53715

I am writing to support 2023 OA-047, reducing penalties for the possession of drug paraphernalia. Elimination of penalties would be ideal; we need to start treating substance use disorders (SUD) as a public health issue, not a criminal one. Paraphernalia is part of reduction for SUD and can prevent overdose, disease and infections. It can save lives.

I lost my stepdaughter, Sarah Caldwell, to an overdose in 2020. Since that time I have become an advocate to change policies that are paid for in hundreds of Wisconsin lives each year. I am also a certified grief support specialist for GRASP (Grief Recovery After Substance Passing). Each month, I hear the stories of families and friends who have lost loved ones to overdose. People are not getting the help they need -- because of broader criminalization and the related stigma.

Please support 2023 OA-047 to take a small step in the direction of saving lives.

Stavn, Stephanie

From: Lucas Zigler <luzigler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:26 AM
To: Stavn, Stephanie
Subject: Support for 2023 OA-047

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Hello there,

My name is Lucas Zigler and I live in Madison, zip code 53704. I want to voice my support for 2023 OS-047, which reduces penalties for drug possession. I feel for far too long we've made a war on drugs, and that war has yet to be won in the last 30 years of it happening. I think reducing these penalties makes it possible for the community to invest in ways to prevent and help people with drug addiction, rather than punishing them for it. Instead of pathologizing people with addiction issues, we need to invest in better lines of help and prevention to work through their issues of addiction. Reducing the penalty and instead working to help these people, rather than punish or incarcerate them, is the most rational thing to do. We have so many larger societal issues that make the escape people find in drug possession and usage, but simply punishing people for this does not fix these larger issues. Supporting 2023 OS-047 is a first step in affectively addressing the problems of drug possession, use, and addiction, so people can work towards getting the help they need instead of losing that opportunity due to high penalties.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lucas

Stavn, Stephanie

From: Rene Livingston-DeTienne <renelivingstondetienne@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 4:44 PM
To: Stavn, Stephanie
Subject: Public Comment on PPJ Committee Agenda Item 4 (File # 2023 OA-047)

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Hello,

I'm writing to provide public comment on File #2023 OA-047 of the Public Protection & Judiciary Committee Agenda for 9/26. The proposal is to amend Chapters 2 & 32 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances (Penalties for the Possession of Drug Paraphernalia) in order to reduce the fine to no greater than \$1. I want to register my full support for this amendment to the ordinance. As a practicing SAC-IT who supports harm reduction efforts in our community, I can firmly say that large penalties for "possession of paraphernalia" is directly contributing to the fear of obtaining safe use supplies, and is costing the Dane County community, not only in costs for treatment and hospitalization, but in the very lives of our residents. Reducing the fine to a negligible amount will allow people such as myself to encourage the use of safe supplies, preventing the spread of HIV, Hep C, and other infections and wounds that require medical treatment. I firmly believe that the benefit of changing this ordinance will far outweigh any lost revenue (which is deemed negligible) and help keep the most vulnerable among us safer and, most importantly, alive.

Thank you for your time.

~Rene Livingston-DeTienne, BS, SAC-IT, CPS

Rene Livingston-DeTienne (she/her/hers-[what is this?](#))
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"The anxiety that makes it difficult to exist in my own skin also makes it difficult to exist in a world where so many people are in so much pain - and that makes me a relentless activist." ~Glennon Doyle, Untamed



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