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We are writing to express our support for the recommendations from the recently tabled report from the Medical Officer of Health re: supervised injection sites in the City of Toronto. This is building on a recent call by the Association of Ontario Health Centres and its members, to the Ontario Premier, the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and provincial opposition leaders, as well as the Prime Minister and federal opposition leaders and Ontario municipal mayors to publicly acknowledge and support the evidence-based Supervised Injection Services (SIS) and to support the opening of such services across the Province of Ontario.

As a community health centre working with immigrants and refugees across the city of Toronto, we join with our peers to advocate for these important services for most disadvantaged members of our community. SIS programs have been proven in peer-reviewed studies in Canada and worldwide to: reduce the number of overdose deaths, increase the rate of uptake of detox and addiction services, and help to create safer communities.

We hope that members of City Council will support the recommendations by the Board of Health regarding SIS.

Yours truly,

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