

June 4, 2008

Hon. Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister  
House of Commons  
OTTAWA, ON  
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Dear Mr. Harper

On behalf of 570,000 Canadians, I am once again writing to implore your government to support InSite, Vancouver's Supervised Injection Site.

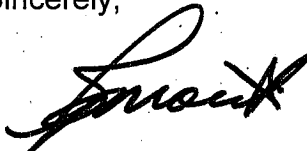
The evidence is clear that providing society's most vulnerable citizens with a safe injection site is critical to rehabilitation. It gives them a first point of contact with health care professionals who can help them get off drugs. This is the most important step that can be taken.

Not providing this assistance means these mostly homeless, poor citizens return to filthy conditions on the street where many die. InSite has been proven to save lives.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees supports efforts at harm reduction like InSite because we think addiction is an illness and people with that illness need our help, not our blame.

We applaud the recent ruling of the BC Supreme Court which found that Canada's Controlled Drugs and Substances Act is inconsistent with the Charter in regards to criminalizing use of the InSite. We urge you to let this decision stand and refrain from appealing the decision.

Sincerely,



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National President

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