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The Honorable Todd Blanche
United States Attorney General
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Dear Attorney General Blanche,

Congratulations on your confirmation as the 88th Attorney General of the United States. I have immense confidence that you will serve our nation well and ensure that justice is fairly delivered and bad actors and criminals are held accountable.

As our newly confirmed Attorney General, I urge the Department of Justice to take swift action and shut down the two supervised injection centers operating in New York City since 2021, OnPoint NYC. This organization has been operating in clear violation of federal law under Title 21 of the United States Code Section 856 which states it is unlawful to "...knowingly open, lease, rent, use, or maintain any place, whether permanently or temporarily, for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing, or using any controlled substance..."¹

In May 2018, I sent a letter to then Trump Administration Attorney General Jeff Sessions urging him to put a stop to Mayor de Blasio's proposed Supervised Injection Center plans. At the time, the DOJ committed to intervene if the mayor proceeded, given the plan's clear violation of federal law regarding Schedule I substance use. Further, in response to DOJ action in Philadelphia, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on January 13, 2021 that "it is a federal crime to open a supervised injection site or 'consumption room' for illegal drug use." However, when President Biden took office in 2021, then-New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio immediately opened two illegal centers, and no action was taken by the Biden Department of Justice. Subsequently, in December 2024, the city of Providence, Rhode Island also opened a state-sanctioned facility.

These centers have led to a decline in residents' quality of life and an increase in homelessness, theft, and violence in the New York City neighborhoods in which they operate. My constituents and I are deeply concerned that the current administration of Mayor Zohran Mamdani will seek to expand this ill-conceived and illegal program. Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and Portland have also explored or attempted to set up similar operations, which is why it must be stopped now. These illegal sites not only enable but also perpetuate illegal drug use. Instead, our nation must prioritize treating Americans battling addiction and continue to secure our borders so deadly drugs like fentanyl don't flood America, claiming hundreds of thousands of lives. Thanks to the actions of President Trump and Congress, we saw a sharp decline in both drugs being trafficked over our border as well as overdose deaths last year.

On July 24, 2025, President Donald Trump also signed Executive Order 14321, "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets," which directed federal agencies to ensure that discretionary grants do not fund drug injection programs, resulting in a \$2 million grant to OnPoint NYC being terminated. It is now my hope that the Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement Administration will take decisive and necessary action to shutter these facilities once and for all.

I look forward to working with you and the Department of Justice to enforce our laws, combat the flow of illegal drugs, ensure these illegally operating centers are shuttered, and to protect the quality of life of the American people.

Sincerely,

Nicole Malliotakis
Member of Congress

Cc: Terrance C. "Terry" Cole, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration
James M. McDonald, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York

¹ "21 U.S. Code § 856 - Maintaining Drug-Involved Premises," Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute, accessed August 5, 2026, <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/21/856>. PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER