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### **Statement of Libby Jones, Associate Vice President, Overdose Prevention Initiative at the Global Health Advocacy Incubator, on the Executive Order “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets.”**

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The Overdose Prevention Initiative at the Global Health Advocacy Incubator strongly opposes the Executive Order “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets.” At a time when overdose deaths are dropping nationwide, the Trump Administration’s action puts the lives of people with addiction at risk by bringing America back to a system of institutionalization and forced treatment — an approach we have long known to be harmful and ineffective. We will not end overdose by displacing unhoused people under the guise of treatment, criminalizing the disease of addiction, and denying funding to the groups that are saving lives every day.

The Executive Order steers America off course and away from an effective, evidence-based approach to ending overdose. It is harmful to people with addiction and risks overloading an already strained healthcare system. We strongly oppose this action and urge the Trump Administration to instead prioritize those strategies that will save lives and promote recovery and freedom from addiction.

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#### ***About the Overdose Prevention Initiative***

*Established in 2021, the [Overdose Prevention Initiative](#) at the [Global Health Advocacy Incubator](#) advances policy solutions that save lives and end the U.S. overdose crisis. The Initiative is dedicated to reducing inequities and disparities in addiction care and expanding access to harm reduction services and addiction treatment.*

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