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**Drug Strategy
Network of Ontario**

Subject: Sudbury Supervised Consumption Services

To: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister for Mental Health and Addictions
Mayor Paul Lefebvre and members of Council

Greetings,

On behalf of the Drug Strategy Network of Ontario (DSNO), we wish to express our gratitude for the life-saving municipal funding to date, and encourage the Province of Ontario to provide sustained funding for the supervised consumption service known as “The Spot”.

Established in 2008, the DSNO is a large, multi-sectoral network of municipal and First Nations 4-pillar (prevention, treatment, harm reduction, enforcement-justice) drug strategies. Members have expertise in the development and implementation of evidence-informed initiatives that prevent and/or reduce the harms that can arise from consuming both regulated and unregulated substances. Unique in North America, our membership stretches north to south, east to west, urban, rural, and remote, across Ontario.

The multiple benefits of supervised consumption services are well established. Defunding essential life-saving consumption services is certain to compromise both individual and community health and safety, and exacerbate the burden of the worst drug poisoning crisis in Ontario’s history for residents, public, and not-for-profit service providers.

Urgent, life-saving funding is possible, and necessary.

Should you have any questions, or if we can be of future assistance, please do contact us at ontariodrugstrategies@gmail.com

Sincerely,



Michael Parkinson, Coordinator
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Cc: Greater Sudbury Clerks Office (Council)