



**Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey**

# What Can I Do To Support Syringe Access in New Jersey?

## **Join the Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey!**

The Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey was created to advocate for increased access to sterile syringes to prevent the spread of HIV, hepatitis C and other blood-borne diseases. The Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey supports Senate Bill No. 958 and Assembly Bill No. 1088 which would allow for the sale of limited numbers of syringes in pharmacies without prescriptions. This would allow individuals at risk for these diseases to use their own money to protect their own health. New Jersey is one of only two states that completely bar the non-prescription sale of syringes in pharmacies.

The Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey is a broad-based coalition which includes the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Nurses Association, the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, Hyacinth AIDS Foundation, the Black Ministers Council of New Jersey, the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, the National Association of Social Workers-New Jersey Chapter, the Garden State Pharmacy Owners, the New Jersey Council of Chain Drug Stores, the New Jersey Pharmacists Association, the Independent Pharmacy Alliance, the Licensed Practical Nurse Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Women and AIDS Network, the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies and the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey.

You can join the Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey by filling out and sending a Campaign Response Form. Forms are available online at <http://www.drugpolicy.org/about/stateoffices/newjersey/chnj/> or call 609-396-8613 to have a form mailed or faxed to you. Your name may then be listed among the members of the Campaign on our website or in printed materials.

## **Send an Internet Action Alert to Legislators.**

Go to <http://www.drugpolicy.org/about/stateoffices/newjersey/chnj/> and send an Action Alert fax to legislators supporting syringe access in New Jersey. It's easy! Just fill out the form with your name and address and press "send" Automatically the letter will be faxed to the Governor and leaders in the New Jersey Senate and Assembly.

## **Get other individuals or organizations to join the campaign or send a fax.**

Tell others about this critically important issue and ask them to join the Campaign. If you belong to an organization, see if they would be willing to join.

## **Write or call your legislator.**

Now is the time to call or write your state legislators. Tell them to vote to support syringe access. To find out how to reach your State Legislator visit <http://njleg.state.nj.us/>. Be sure to identify the specific legislation or bill number and briefly explain how the issue affects you.

## **Join Drug Policy Alliance.**

Drug Policy Alliance is the nation's leading organization working to improve our drug policies. Drug Policy Alliance New Jersey is dedicated to improving sterile syringe access in New Jersey in order to prevent the spread of HIV, hepatitis C, and other blood-borne diseases. Visit our website at [www.drugpolicy.org](http://www.drugpolicy.org) to learn more.

**Together we can make a difference and save lives in New Jersey!**

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