

# ELECTED OFFICIAL INVITE

## LETTER / EMAIL TEMPLATE

You can use this template to invite your elected officials to **#EndOverdoseNowIL**. Please email [illinoisharmreduction@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisharmreduction@gmail.com) to let us know whom you have invited so that we can keep track of attendance. Find your elected officials here:

- Local, state, and federal lawmakers: [myreps.datamade.us](http://myreps.datamade.us)
- Alderpeople: [chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mayor/iframe/lookup\\_ward\\_and\\_alderman.html](http://chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mayor/iframe/lookup_ward_and_alderman.html)

Subject: Invitation to End Overdose Now IL Rally & Resource Fair

DEAR [REP/SENATOR/ALDERPERSON LAST NAME],

**Illinois is losing ten people daily due to unintentional drug overdoses**, more than any other accidental death. These are our friends, neighbors, and loved ones. The Illinois Harm Reduction & Recovery Coalition, in conjunction with the Chicago Recovery Alliance, TASC, Thresholds, AIDS Foundation Chicago, and many more, is hosting the **End Overdose Now Illinois Rally & Resource Fair on August 28, 2023, at the Federal Plaza in Chicago from 3:00-7:00 PM.**

This event is important to me because {FILL IN WITH YOUR STORY/COMPELLING REASON}. We will bring together community members, people with lived/living experiences, subject-matter experts, and organizations dedicated to reducing the harm and death associated with overdose deaths. We hope to create further awareness around the overdose crisis, build an understanding of the necessary solutions, and advocate for evidence-based strategies that can save lives and support impacted individuals and families.

The rally will feature compelling speakers and interactive exhibits highlighting the importance of harm reduction, including a mock overdose prevention site hosted by the Chicago Recovery Alliance.

This event will provide an opportunity for elected officials to hear the voices of citizens and witness firsthand the beneficial impact of policies and programs related to harm reduction. Your presence at the **#EndOverdoseNowIL** Rally and Resource Fair would foster hope and send a powerful message to your constituents, colleagues, and our state that it is time to end overdose in Illinois. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kyra Jagodzinski at [illinoisharmreduction@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisharmreduction@gmail.com) and visit [Eventbrite.com/EndOverdoseNowIL](http://Eventbrite.com/EndOverdoseNowIL) for further details and to register.

Regards,

[YOUR NAME]