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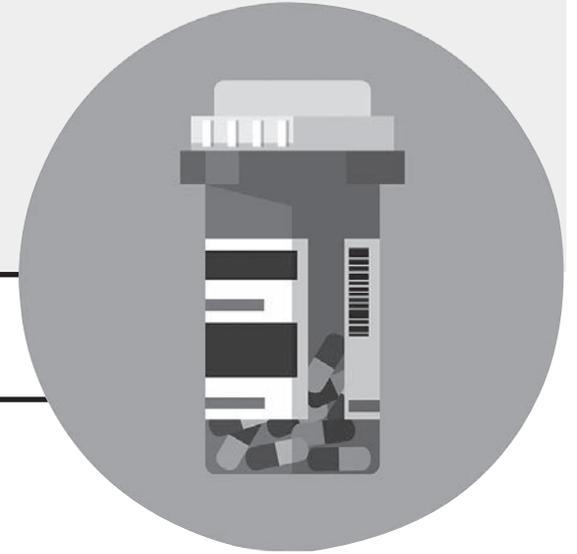


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I joined New Britain Police Chief Wardwell to announce a new, secure drop-off box where city residents can safely dispose of medications, including prescription painkillers at the New Britain Police Station.

**H**eroin and prescription drug overdoses are claiming more lives in Connecticut every year. As your State Senator, I worked on a new law this year to combat this epidemic. The law:

- ▶ Expands access to Narcan, a medication that is used to treat opioid overdoses, allowing more first responders to save lives.
- ▶ Caps first-time painkiller prescriptions to a seven-day supply.
- ▶ Strengthens the electronic prescription drug monitoring program.

This law also strengthens action we have taken in previous years, including laws that:

- ▶ Protects all health care professionals and good samaritans from liability when they use Narcan to treat an overdose.
- ▶ Creates drop box locations throughout the state so residents can safely dispose of medications and reduce abuse of prescription painkillers.