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## A Dose of Reality

One of the growing challenges that we face here in Wisconsin, and nationwide for that matter, is the abuse and addiction of prescription drugs. As members of our local community, it is important that we do all that we can to reduce the opportunity of these deadly opioids from getting into the wrong hands.

Over the past year due to the pandemic, people, especially kids, have had easier access to prescription drugs that are not theirs. When these opioids are abused, it can cause severe mental and physical problems as well as contribute to a higher rate of addiction. However, there are many simple things that we can do to help prevent situations like this.

There are many programs that have been started such as the Drug Take Back Day that took place this year on Saturday, April 24th. While this day has passed, you can still drop off medications on any day at secure locations all around the district. In addition, there are many other things we can do in our own home such as storing them out of sight, locking up prescription drugs, or disposing of them properly.

With a raging drug epidemic in our country, it is important that we teach our kids about the dangers of using drugs, especially opioids. It is equally as important to let our elderly friends and family members know about these programs as well.

If you would like to participate in “Drug Take Back Day,” please visit <https://doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/> where there is an interactive map on the website where you can find a location participating in the program near you.

For more information on the program, please visit the official Wisconsin Department of Justice “DOSE OF REALITY” website at <https://doseofrealitywi.gov/>.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at [Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov).

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