



CITY OF EVERETT
Office of the Mayor

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Mayor Cassie Franklin
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Dear Jeffrey Allgaier and Ideal Option,

As Mayor of Everett, I am writing to express my gratitude and appreciation for Ideal Option and the critical services you provide our community. The City of Everett remains focused on addressing the impacts of addiction, mental illness and homeless, and we are fortunate to have strong community partners like Ideal Option as we work to overcome these challenges.

My focus as mayor is to create a safe and vibrant community that is open and welcoming to all. Like many other cities, Everett is facing complex issues of homelessness, mental illness, and addiction in our streets. These issues transverse the worlds of social services, economic competitiveness and public safety, and there is no one answer that will provide a comprehensive solution. However, as we work to realize the vision for Everett's future, the city is making great strides to curb the use of opiates and opioid abuse through innovative partnerships with service providers like Ideal Option.

Ideal Option has been a significant partner in advancing the goals of Everett's Safe Streets Plan, and the City commends Ideal Option for their assistance and support of the Community Outreach and Enforcement Team (COET). This partnership with COET is an important part of making the Safe Streets Plan's intervention strategies a success: diverting addicts off the streets and into housing and treatment programs at Ideal Option reduces community resources at our hospitals and jails and helps get individuals on the road to recovery. Ideal Option's partnerships with the Drug Courts and the Snohomish County Jail are also important solutions for helping those who are re-integrating into society with a drug abuse history get and stay clean.

I would like to convey the city's deep appreciation for the services and partnership of Ideal Option and look forward to achieving continued results as we work to curb the impacts of opioids in the City of Everett.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Everett



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