



Dear AFSCME Council 5 Union Members,

Ramsey County leadership has made a **devastating decision** to close its **Detox and Withdrawal Management program**, a lifeline for people struggling with addiction and a workplace for dozens of our dedicated frontline workers.

This closure will:

- **Displace essential workers** who have dedicated their lives to saving others
- **Strip our community** of critical, life-saving services
- **Put vulnerable residents** at risk of death from preventable overdoses

At a time when Minnesota is battling a drug epidemic, **Ramsey County should be investing in care, not cutting it. This decision abandons the workers on the frontlines and the residents who rely on them.**

Ramsey County Detox Rally!

Join us on Tuesday, 10/21, at our Information Picket from 2:30-4:30PM at [Ramsey County Detox Center, 402 University Ave E, St. Paul](#). **Invite your co-workers and interested community members** to the informational picket on 10/21. Strong support will help us **spread the word about this closure and hold leadership accountable!** [Click here for an informational flyer.](#)

[Click here for our rally flyer!](#)

Sign and Share our petition!

If you can't join us at the info rally, **please sign and share this petition** to the *Ramsey County Commissioners to Save Essential Detox Services for our community*.

Together, we can fight to make Ramsey County choose **LIFE OVER CUTS** and **stand up for the people who keep our communities alive.**

In solidarity,

Bart Andersen, Executive Director, AFSCME Council 5

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