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REP. DUFF PUSHES FOR DRUG DEALER LIABILITY ACT Families hurt by drugs would be allowed to sue dealers

State Representative Bob Duff (D-Norwalk) and Norwalk resident Ginger Katz will testify Monday before the legislature's Judiciary Committee in favor of legislation that would allow spouses, parents and others to obtain monetary damages from drug dealers for the injuries caused by drugs to their families and communities. The legislation, known as the Drug Dealer Liability Act (DDLA), has already been adopted in 14 states including Michigan, California, and South Carolina.

"Drug dealers and their products devastate families and communities," Rep. Duff said. "While families suffer, the dealers enjoy their big houses and fancy cars. The DDLA would hit drug dealers right in their hearts: their wallets."

More information on the model DDLA can be found at www.modelddla.com.