



**CENTRAL CITY
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To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing in support of HB 4124, Reducing Opioid Use in Oregon.

As medical providers and leaders of our health services programs at Central City Concern, a large non-profit in downtown Portland, we support this bill. We provide opiate addiction treatment as well as chronic pain management for clients of Central City Concern, and have seen some of the toll that opiate misuse has on people's lives.

Access to prescription information is helpful when trying to prescribe responsibly, and would be better able to do so with the expansion of the Oregon Prescription Database Monitoring Program.

Additionally, increased access to naloxone, a lifesaving medication will help decrease opioid overdose deaths. By allowing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense naloxone, the access to this medication will be increased in Oregon. We hope that this will lead to a decrease of opioid overdose deaths in our state.

This bill is part of a comprehensive approach to decreasing opioid misuse, addiction, and overdose. We support the passage of HB 4124.

Sincerely,

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