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Representative Knute Buehler
Oregon State Capitol Building
900 Court Street, NE, H-383
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 4124

Dear Representative Buehler:

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners are supportive of House Bill 4124 that can provide useful tools in addressing the epidemic of prescription opioid and heroin use in Oregon. Implementation of the bill would streamline and enhance the ease of use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program with better integration into existing technology. It would increase access to Naloxone, a drug that can save the lives of persons overdosing from opioids, by allowing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense this drug, and allowing administration by certain non-medical providers with appropriate training.

The bill also allows for an employee of a social service agency who has completed the appropriate training to administer Naloxone to a patron of the agency on the premises of the agency. With this letter, we respectfully express our support for the draft amendment that would expand this administration beyond the premises of the agency, as this is often not where a person experiencing an overdose is identified.

Thank you for bringing this important life-saving legislation forward.

Sincerely,

DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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