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Hello, my name is Jay Tomlinson and I am a community organizer in Clackamas County as well as an employee at a family homeless shelter in Portland.

We need to oppose recriminalization. I have worked with the homeless for a while and never have a spoken to someone who felt like jail got them clean. Most often, run ins with the law pushed them further into their addiction. It is only from community support and help are they able to get clean and turn their life around. Criminal records destroys lives, opportunities, families and communities.

Please support decriminalization efforts. Attempts that further criminalize those that need our help most deserve and require a no vote. Our communities have been harmed enough and deserve help, not more pain.