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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Hello. My name is Brice Suprenant and I am an Oregon resident. I am writing to you in opposition of recriminalization of personal possession.

Addiction is not a crime. It is a health care issue. Recriminalizing personal possession won't help or make addiction go away. If there is something to address to aid the residents in Oregon I suggest improving our material conditions as we face a terrible economy and inflation and improve assistance for those going through health and housing concerns that lead to addiction.

My brother had unchecked mental health concerns that led to addiction to heroin and eventually his death. The legality was not the concern then and it is not the concern now. People will find a way if they want to. I urge to oppose recriminalization and pass measures to help those in need instead of further punishing them.

Thank you