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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

For the following reasons I oppose recriminalization of drug possession in Oregon:

- Addiction is not a crime, it is a healthcare issue. Oregon can and must do better than HB 4002 to address the addictions crisis.

- HB 4002 is an inadequate and harmful approach that will not solve our addictions crisis and will instead waste taxpayer dollars.

- HB 4002 will result in more people going to jail, more people being harmed, more individuals being displaced, more families being disrupted, more people dying from overdoses.

- HB 4002 will inflict more government harm and violence on Black and brown communities. Black and brown Oregonians will be arrested at higher rates and be most likely to face incarceration and harsher sentencing.

I urge the committee to vote no on any measures that would recriminalize possession.