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On Behalf Of: Addiction is a disease not a crime

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

My name is Annie Capestany. I am from Portland. I am a strong supporter of Measure 110. I oppose HB 4002 and any legislative effort to REcriminalize drugs.

I have never used any recreational drug, legal or illegal, but i don't condemn those who do, especially the desperate people who live on the street and suffer cold, pain, hunger and rejection. HB 4002 would not end any suffering; it would just pile on more suffering. Neither would it cure addiction.

HB 4002 would hide the problem iby putting people in jail, not solve any problems. It would be very ineffective and very expensive. Let measure 110 do what it is supposed to do: provide services and treatment.

A lot of rich business people are scared. They are worried about their profits. But we shouldn't let their fear control us. They shouldn't have more power in the Legislature than those of us who voted for Measure 110.

Use measure 110 to solve our problems. Vote down HB 4002, which just hides our problems.