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On Behalf Of: no on recriminalization

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

I am writing to implore to keep drug use decriminalized. People with addiction issues need medical support, not to be put into the criminal justice system. We need to fund treatment and interventions, not arrest folks just because folks find it hard to see people on the street using substances.

I grew up with a father with addiction issues and when he got arrested, it was something that broke our family apart. For many years, he was not around for us because he wasn't able to get the treatment he needed and his criminal record was an obstacle for him to support us.

Please vote no on criminalization so that we can continue to offer humane options for those struggling with addiction.