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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

I'm a public health researcher, advocate, and harm reductionist who has been working in the field of substance use disorder for many years. I am writing to you as an expert, and also as someone who is loved by and loves people who struggle with addiction. You must, must, must, vote NO on HB4002. Putting people in jail for struggling with addiction does not work. The carceral state does not provide care or even evidence-based treatment for addiction. Jail will not solve our addiction crisis; adequately funded services and supports for people struggling with addiction will. Measure 110 has infused frontline providers around the state with funding so they can continue serving Oregonians in acute need. I volunteer with some of these organizations and can speak firsthand to how this has offered us the ability to scale services significantly. I'm not going to try and convince you with the facts - which demonstrate that Oregon's rising addiction and overdose crisis are no more severe than other states - but I encourage you to read the work of my colleagues at RTI, who have been evaluating M110 since it's implementation:

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cfseco.com/m110/M110+RS+Panel+Overview\\_Final.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cfseco.com/m110/M110+RS+Panel+Overview_Final.pdf).

Vote NO on HB4002. Signal your commitment to access to care and treatment for substance use disorder, not incarceration. The war on drugs was a failure; the passage of HB4002 would signal a return to that. Be a human, listen to experts in the field, and let us keep doing this work.