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The bill proposed as HB 4002 looks to be more regulation and procedure than a problem-solving effort to curb the drug problem in our state. Waiting until late 2025 for a committee to review the study is not the answer. The drug and violence will only get much worse by next year than it already has shown in our cities and streets. The business and market locations of many of our vendors and stores have already suffered large deficits and losses due to mediocre laws that have caused this problem, and we need enforcement of strict guidelines to steer hard drugs and violence away from dealers who sell and distribute fentanyl and other dangerous opiates. Creating more government band-aids for drugs will not assist our state or the general population, and will encourage more businesses to leave the state for a more family-orientated atmosphere.