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I am a Mother of a drug addicted son who is choosing death every day he uses fentanyl. He is living on the streets of Portland and I fear for his life daily. Please, Please I beg you, to make this change to a Class A misdemeanor, as it is his only way of getting the help he needs. He was a college graduate, and drugs have taken over his life. It is our duty as a society to take care of the ones that cannot, take care of themselves. It is mandatory, at this stage, as our society is out of control & unsafe. If you speak to anyone who has had this chronic medical disease, that is treatable, you will find the only way they lived, was because they were incarcerated for at least six months and usually more. My Son started smoking marijuana when he was a teenager, and because the marijuana has been grown to make the THC so strong it is causing psychotic responses in our young men and women. We are moving toward an increased population that will need support if we do not restrict this behavior at it's on set. We need more strict laws & rules with accountability for funding spent & successful outcomes.