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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: SB1555

I urge the Legislature to approve SB 1555. Oregon is suffering from a drug crisis which is doing great harm to our communities, and is ruining lives. I am concerned about this issue specifically from my perspective as an Economic Development professional. The ability of communities in Oregon to attract new business investment and the new jobs that we need depends in part on what kind of place we are. As i watch businesses and residents wary of conditions in their communities deteriorate, we risk losing the talent and tax base we enjoy, and we will deter others from coming here to build businesses and create new economic opportunities. Please take action to make it hard for people to use drugs in our communities.