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TO: Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

FROM: Laurie Kimmell, MSgt, USAF (Ret.)

SUBJECT: Non-Support - HB 4002

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. House Bill 4002 is Band-Aid therapy for a problem created by Ballot Measure 110. I spent 27 years in law enforcement and 25 years working for the Multnomah County Sheriff's office. I hold a degree in a behavioral science and of Native American decent. I was one of the facilitators for the IJIP program which was an in-jail drug program for both men and women. It was success due to these three elements. In jail participants had been sentenced by the courts to county time which could be up to almost a year, residents were held accountable for their behavior, and they were motivated by hitting rock bottom not mandated.

2. These are the facts that over 2 years later after decriminalization (of Schedule I and II street drug narcotics) overdose have increased. ***Opioid deaths increased by 101%(source Newsweek Magazine).***

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Overdose Deaths</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>National Average Deaths by OD</u>
2019	280	Oregon Health Authority (OHA)	
2022	956	OHA	241% increase.
		Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB)	18%

3. A poll last summer found that 2/3 of Oregonians want to repeal parts of Ballot Measure 110 and bring back penalties A majority want to repeal it completely (source Newsweek). Less than 100 utilized the help line as reported by OPB. Law Enforcement does not have any sentencing power. Measure 110 needs to be repealed and the courts brought back into the process.

/ Thank you,
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