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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB4002

I urge our Oregon lawmakers to listen to the people, the families, the medical community, the police officers and first responders that Measure 110 is an abysmal failure and needs to be replaced. HB 4002 is NOT strong enough to fix the HUGE issues that are causing human suffering due to these harmful drugs and lack of enforcement to stop it.

These drugs should be seen as hard drugs and the highest level of misdemeanor must be applied, Class A.

It is an embarrassment that Portland, and Oregon as a whole, is known throughout the country as a drug zombie wasteland. The sad truth is that it IS. Not only are the drug addicts living a tragic, unsafe and unhealthy life, but the community as a whole suffers due to drug related crimes, homeless addicts camping in our front yards, an overuse of healthcare systems due to overdosing and related emergencies, public safety compromised, and families torn apart.

This must end. How many more lives must be ruined or lost before our Oregon leaders wake up, stop making excuses, and fix the problem? I do not want any human being to suffer like these folks using these harmful drugs are. It is cruel to let them live these dangerous lives, often leading to death.

Fix the problem, don't just put some makeup on it to make it look like you did. Say no to 4002!