

To: Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response
From: Elaine Woods
Re: HB 4002

I strongly oppose HB 4002 for the following reasons:

- Requirements for treatment of addiction as opposed to jail time will help those struggling with addiction to stay out of jail and learn strategies to stay clean
- The legalization of all drugs has had a devastating effect on our youth
- Our state is a national disgrace, as youths believe drug use is OK, with no consequences, with resulting soaring addiction and deaths of our young people
- Open drug use decreases public safety and increases crime
- Addicts will not give up their drug use willingly and are not choosing treatment
- The goal should be to get people clean, not allow ineffective non-profit organizations to continue enabling addicts

For these reasons, among others, please oppose and defeat HB 4002