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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Hello:

I am against the current description of HB 4002. I favor making possession of hard drugs a Class A misdemeanor, not a Class C. Drug treatment should be mandatory, not voluntary.

For many years I favored legalized drugs thinking that taking the money out of drugs and making them accessible, that people would use less. I was dead wrong. I think there has to be personal responsibility and consequences for taking hard drugs.

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