

Submitter: Dana McCray

On Behalf Of: Care not jail

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

My name is Dana McCray, and I manage operations for a small family farm in Southern Oregon. I am writing to forcefully oppose HB 4002 and the recriminalization of addiction in Oregon.

For the past year, our farm has cultivated fresh, local and nutritious vegetables specifically for the health and betterment of historically underserved members of our community. We focus most of our resources towards people combatting addiction and poverty. We are able to provide this outreach by networking with culturally specific nonprofits funded largely by Measure 110. I have personally witnessed the positive effects of intentional efforts to better address the addictions crisis without harm and wasteful spending caused by incarceration. HB 4002 will inflict harm and violence on Black and Brown communities. More individuals will be displaced, more families will be disrupted, and more people will die from overdoses.

I urge you to VOTE NO on HB 4002 and allow us to continue this important work in our community.