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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

We need to drastically change M110 and criminalize possession of hard drugs as a Class A Misdemeanor. Although I support changes, HB4002 does not go far enough to correct the catastrophic impact of M110. M110 was pushed through by out of state special interests who donated to local Oregon politicians and spent millions to experiment on Oregonians. Why are New Yorkers influencing our elections? Those politicians the received money from Drug Policy Alliance should remove themselves from this committee. They have been compromised by out of state dark money and obviously can not be objective of about the failures of M110.

From the Oregonian: "The original ballot measure received major financial support from the Drug Policy Alliance, a New York-based organization that advocates for changing the country's drug laws to provide less incarceration and more rehabilitation for drug users.

The group has funneled campaign contributions to numerous Democratic lawmakers in Oregon, including seven members of the committee charged with addressing Measure 110. It has lobbied for preserving Oregon's first-in-the-nation approach.

Campaign finance records show that in 2022 the Drug Policy Alliance gave to Lieber and Kropf, as well as committee members Rep. Rob Nosse, D-Portland, Sen. Elizabeth Steiner, D-Beaverton, Rep. Tawna Sanchez, D-Portland, Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene and Rep. Andrea Valderrama, D-Portland."