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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB4002

I still fully support a bill that makes it a Misdemeanor Class A for drug possession with Options to seek Treatment.

I encourage you to see what Clackamas County is doing; providing option of Jail or Drug Treatment. You can view their video on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1040913677012774>

Again, we need to hold people accountable for their actions that affect others within the community. And we need to provide them with Diversion Options for seeking treatment for their addictions. And we need to have follow up, data, etc. And PLEASE refrain from using the "War on Drugs" sound byte. By offering the addict either a year in Jail or a year in Treatment is a much more humane approach then throwing them in Jail with no other options.

Thank you.