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To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting written testimony in support of HB 4002. As a small business owner in a highly populated business district of Beaverton, OR, we have seen our fair share of individuals under the influence of drugs wandering the streets in and amongst our dining rooms, and outdoor patios. Here are a few situations that could really use extra community support, re-criminalizing hard drugs, and extra funding to strengthen treatment options.

1. One individual (not wearing shoes and visibly under the influence of drugs) came walking in our establishment, grabbed a bottle of wine, and threatened one of our employees to hand over all the money in the register. We handled the situation on-site and reported to this to authorities, but the individual in question was released and walks by our establishment every single day.

2. Another individual broke into our outdoor patio, caused over \$2000 in damage, then started screaming profanities at passing cars. Upon discovery, he started yelling at one of our owners, threatening to kill them while also saying he "developed all the technology for Tesla". He was also without shoes and seemed under the influence. Beaverton Police responded and a case was filed, yet this individual was released back into the public by Washington County District Attorney stating, "there is nothing they can do. Jails are full to capacity. This individual is known on the streets as has been proven incompetent to stand trial."

3. Two of our employees showed up early to work and walked down the street to a public outdoor eating area for a quick bite. As they passed by one of the tables, they saw someone smoking a crack pipe right next to families that were looking for a place to eat lunch.

These situations occur weekly. We report everything to our local authorities but by the passage of Measure 110, we have been told there is nothing that can be done. Jails are full and there is no trigger currently in law to allow police departments to force these individuals into community-based support or treatments.

Please help our small business community by pushing forward new legislation so our police force and community-services can get help to those that need quicker.