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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to support HB 4002, which would recriminalize hard drugs, bans their use in public and provides stronger laws to pursue traffickers and dealers. I work in downtown Portland and have seen firsthand the destruction Measure 110 has wrought on human lives and the livability of our city. It is hard to walk many blocks without seeing someone high or having what appears to be a psychotic episode. Some people in our company will not venture out for lunch because they are afraid of being accosted.

The effects of Measure 110 are far worse for addicts. Free to consume hard drugs, they are at far higher risk of overdose, death from exposure and exploitation. With a family member who has struggled with addiction for decades, this issue hits particularly close to home for me. I recall passing by a person asleep in a doorway last summer. She had a meth pipe gripped in one hand, almost touching her lips. Getting high was the last thing she did before bed. People like her are bearing the greatest burden of Measure 110.

Measure 110 has failed at so many levels. Please support HB 4002 and start Oregon on the path back to rational, compassionate drug addiction policy.

Thank you for all you do in service to our state.

Sincerely,

Malcolm McIver