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Measure: HB4002

Addiction is not a crime, it is a healthcare issue. Oregon can and must do better than HB 4002 to address the addictions crisis. HB 4002 is an inadequate and harmful approach that will not solve our addictions crisis and will instead waste taxpayer dollars. HB 4002 will result in more people going to jail, more people being harmed, more individuals being displaced, more families being disrupted, more people dying from overdoses.

The legislature should focus on real solutions that will help our communities instead of returning to the failed policies of the past that simply won't work. HB 4002 harms rural Oregonians and makes addiction worse in our rural communities. Almost half of people in rural areas who used unlawful drugs were in prison or jail within the last six months.