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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Hello,

As a concerned citizen I believe strongly that the legislature must take steps to:

- 1. Recriminalize hard drugs,
- 2. Restore accountability by incorporating pathways to treatment as part of the criminal process, &
- 3. Expand access to local drug treatment

Oregon's number of fentanyl overdose deaths is highest in the USA. Since 2019, that is a 1,526% increase in deaths - a jaw-dropping statistic representing the lives of 12,000 Oregonians.

Please pass this law to help take the first step to get our criminal and humanitarian crisis under control.

Respectfully, Chris Gilbert