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On Behalf Of:

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To Whom It May Concern-

As a 25 year resident of Oregon I wholeheartedly support HB 4002. I speak to my neighbors all of the time and there is not one person I speak with that doesn't want major change and reform around measure 110. While I agree that we need to fund treatment options and encourage treatment options having an anything goes attitude towards public consumption of the hardest drugs imaginable has almost made Portland (where I live) unlivable. It's as if the rights of addicts have been elevated above law abiding tax paying citizens and families. Our public spaces (the esplanade, waterfront, park blocks etc) feel unsafe and unsanitary. My young teenager was doing a handstand in the park by her high school and fell on a hypodermic needle which cause a trip to the emergency room and an immediate test for HIV and Hep B and an emergency vaccination- not to mention the emotional strain on my daughter and our family. The total green lighting of all drug use has fostered a criminal culture of desperation in the form of chop shops and stolen vehicles. My brother has had his car stolen twice. My commuter bicycle was trashed and made unusable after I scrimped and saved for literally months and months to afford something that would increase my health and benefit the environment. None of the perpetrators of these crimes were ever caught. All of my friends and neighbors who have lived in this city for decades are untouched by the changes we have seen over the past 5-7 years. A city that once prided itself in beautiful public spaces no longer feels progressive, clean, or beautiful. It feels misguided, dirty, dangerous, and sad. Please right this ship. Start with banning public drug use and make that act have serious consequences.

Sincerely,

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