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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Dear Legislators.....PLEASE take action to reform Measure 110. I have been a downtown resident for 14 years. I am moving due to the crime and drugs. Not everyone has the means to move.....please help make Portland safe for ALL residents.

It is time 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

Tragically, 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.

If you need proof of the human tragedy on Portland streets...just drive around the Portland Art Museum, Historical Society, and downtown church blocks. It is truly a tragedy for the victims of drug addiction and the residents, who are victims of unsafe sidewalks and streets.

It is time to make the city of Portland safe for ALL residents.

Thank you!