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This bill, while imperfect, remains a solid step towards addressing drug violence. Going forward, we need to focus on eliminating inequities regarding race, gender, disability, neurodiversity, and much more in the enforcement as well as access to treatment. We also need to help communities like the neurodiverse community in special protocol for interactions that leave them empowered, and not harmed by the system we are pursuing.

I hope to work with the legislature on this set of issues as a City Councilor for Portland, and in my role on various government commissions. I'm proud to endorse Bill 4002, with these next steps in mind.

Thank you.