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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

HB 4002 represents a return to “war on drugs” policy that has failed us for decades and a reversal of what I and a majority of my fellow voters demanded less than 4 years ago. Measure 110 was not perfect and its implementation has suffered from failures of leadership at multiple levels, but to recriminalize possession of small amounts of drugs now, just as Measure 110 programs are beginning to make an impact and at a time when our criminal justice system is already critically overburdened, would be a shameful, short-sighted step backward that would do nothing to address the addiction crisis. I urge legislators to stay the course and vote against this misguided mistake of a bill.