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I am a Mother of a drug addicted son who is choosing death every day he uses fentanyl and living on the streets of Portland, and I fear for his life daily. Please, Please I beg you, to make this change to a Class A misdemeanor or stronger, as it is his only way of getting the help he needs. Treatment must be a requirement or it is a continuous cycle of jail-release-use-lawlessness. He was a college graduate, and drugs have taken over his life. It is our duty as a society to take care of the ones that will not & cannot, take care of themselves. It must be mandatory, at this stage, as our society is out of control with trash, feces, deaths, crime & unsafe for regular citizens. Businesses will close without regular customers and life as we know it will completely degrade. If you speak to anyone who has had this chronic medical disease, that is treatable, you will find the only way they lived, was because they were incarcerated for at least six months and usually more. My Son started smoking marijuana when he was young, and because the marijuana has been grown to make the THC so strong without scientific restrictions, it has been proven it is causing psychotic responses in our young men and women. We are moving toward an increased population that will need much greater support, than we even have now, if we do not restrict this behavior at its onset. We need more strict laws & rules with accountability for funding spent & written proof of successful outcomes.

Please pass this Bill