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On Behalf Of: Fix and Improve Measure 110

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Joint Committe on Addiction and Community Safety Response,

I am in support of HB 4002, because Oregon has seen a staggering increase in fentanyl deaths, the highest in the nation. This is deeply personal, as we lost our 17-year-old grandson to an "acute fentanyl poisoning" in summer 2023. He had completed an inpatient program successfully, his GED in record time and had a promising future in forensics at the local community college where he was enrolled for last fall. This is a deeply tragic loss to our family. Many months following his death I was downtown to attempt taking my two young grandsons shopping at Pioneer Square. As we walked, I clearly saw open drug use and the sad state of the city. We later went with another family member to a concert at the Old Church. When our family member was outside the door taking a cigarette break, she was approached by a drug dealer. This is a sad state of a city I once was so proud to live in. I strongly support the following:

?? Support HB 4002 to recriminalize hard drugs with up to 6 months in jail or mandatory, supervised drug treatment.

?? Support HB 4002 to replace voluntary drug treatment with required evidence-based treatment as an alternative to jail.

?? Support HB 4002 to give local governments the tools to ban the use of drugs in public and police and prosecutors stronger tools to go after drug dealers and traffickers.

?? Support HB 4002 backed by law enforcement, cities, counties, local businesses, Democrats, Republicans and 73% of Oregonians.

Measure 110 didn't create Oregon's addiction and overdose, homeless, mental health, and public safety crisis – but it's making all of them worse.

Please take action now to save lives, rescue communities and end the national embarrassment of Measure 110. You may contact me for additional testimony if needed.

Respectfully,  
Martye Haugstad