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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

I am writing to ask you to take action to pass this legislation and to make hard drug possession and public usage strongly penalized again. Right now, addicts are not getting the help they need. Today's hard drugs are too strong - people who are addicted don't have a choice but to continue. The end of the road for them is death. You must step in to help, to give people a rock bottom that is a strong penalty, not death.

I have family members who are addicts. In the worst times, we needed - and used - the law to help them get into treatment. They did not have choices, when you are addicted to hard drugs - you aren't in control - the drug is, the dealer is. We need to give people a way out - strong penalties with diversion is at least something - it's rock bottom that isn't death.

I voted for 110. I think I made a mistake, it's time to change course. I urge you to stop letting people "voluntarily" die on the street. Better jail, then required treatment with expungement if it is completed, than death on the street.

Thank you for considering my views. I don't often reach out to my elected officials but this is too important to ignore. The status quo is not working. We need a strong path to treatment in legislation, or we need to repeal 110 and replace it with something strong.

Thank you for your service to our community.