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Measure: HB4002

Please support HB 4002 to recriminalize hard drugs with up to 6 months in jail or mandatory, supervised drug treatment, to replace voluntary drug treatment with required evidence-based treatment as an alternative to jail, 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. This one is so important not only to the users who need help but to the businesses across Oregon like ours where drug use is rampant in downtown Eugene and our customers are afraid to use our building, afraid to leave their cars parked because of theft and because of the dangers to our employees and community associated with drug use including violence, mental health breakdowns, used needles left in our landscaping, human feces and the list goes on. Please consider your support on 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 and a far greater risk to our business and our safety, our kids do not need to see heroin users shooting up in the streets, the mental outbursts by those who can be very violent, very loud while under the influence of these hard drugs. I am a CEO and Business owner in Oregon but my most important job is being grandpa! No child is helped, saved or made better by open air hard drug use. Let's please get back to common sense lawmaking to protect our families and the future.

Respectfully submitted,
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