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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Hello,

I write to you to consider passing HB 4002 to make the dangerous drugs that are plaguing Oregon's Cities and Counties a crime to consume again. Shortly after Measure 110 became the law of the land in 2021, we have seen the deterioration of our core areas and suburbs as well with large numbers of the drug addicted gathering in our neighborhoods. Since the passage of 110, we have seen drug overdose deaths increase exponentially. We have seen property crimes increase and also violent crimes. The rehab facilities that were promised never came. And few ever pay the fine when ticketed. And it was said that as of the beginning of 2023, only 11 people that were cited for drug use actually enrolled in rehab. With no numbers available to know if they were successful or not.

Also the rates of recovery that last for those addicted to the hard drugs such as cocaine, meth, heroine and now fentanyl are very low. Recidivism rates for those that are incarcerated are much lower.

One thing that has been taken away from LEO's is the ability to work their way up the "food chain" so to speak to arrest and convict the suppliers. As if someone, even a multiple

Repeat offender of hard drug use is never threatened with any serious jail time. So they have little to no motivation to help LEO's identify, arrest and convict the drug suppliers. Over 70% of Oregonians, be them Dems, GOP or Independent support criminalizing the hard drugs that are tearing our Communities apart. Please listen to your constituents more and your campaign donors less and pass HB 4002 to save Oregon.

Thank you.