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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

I must express my firm opposition to the proposed legislation that requires the Oregon Health Authority to study Oregon's addiction crisis. I believe it is a misguided approach that will only delay much-needed action and exacerbate the suffering of individuals and families grappling with addiction in our state. It not only fails to solve Oregon's addiction crisis, HB 4002 will also inflict permanent and disproportionate government harm and violence on black and brown people in our community who have long struggled with discriminatory policing and lack of treatment services. I urge lawmakers to reject this proposed legislation and instead focus their efforts on implementing concrete measures to address Oregon's addiction crisis without delay.