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Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen to express my support for HB 2355. I believe it is a step towards decreasing racial profiling by Oregon law enforcement officers, righting the wrongs of the failed War on Drugs, and achieving a more fair and just system for Oregon.

When I learned that members of most races use drugs at roughly the same rate, but that black men in Oregon are between 2 and 20 times more likely to be convicted of a drug offense, I was appalled. This is not justice. Oregon law enforcement need training in implicit bias, and must be held accountable. The only way to do this is to collect data, analyze it, and then use it to inform policies and practices.

Treating small-scale drug offenses as felonies (and therefore reducing people's long-term access to housing, employment, and social services) is absurd in that it has the *opposite* of the intended effect—which is to make society safer. Treating people as *people*, giving them access to treatment, not tearing apart families (the support system we all need), and not reducing their chances to improve their lives—that's the kind of justice system we need for a safer Oregon.

Thank you,
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