

TO: Oregon Legislature

I support the efforts of this law. As an elementary educator, I have experienced first hand the effects of these drugs on families. The rippled effect on children of parents addicted to drugs is traumatic! The emotional outcomes will stay with a young child their entire life.

I had a first grade student who was continually "forgotten to be picked up from school or the bus stop". He was such an emotional wreck during the day, he couldn't focus on learning or having fun because he was crying and worried about his mom, if he was going to get food, or what was going to be at home. (His dad was in jail for stealing.) There was not support or follow through for this neglect and it continued the entire school year!

I support this law for the impact it will have on stopping the supply of dangerous addictive drugs to people. Holding top dealers accountable for creating these dangerous substances needs to happen. There are many steps to solving these issues but starting at one point will make a dent in this huge problem in our society and help protect the vulnerable children no matter what age!

Sincerely,

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