

To the Members of the Committee,

I am writing to oppose HB 2942. As I do agree people should have a second chance, why are you pushing to do so with our children especially when the law was broken within a school zone? There is a reason those boundaries of a "drug free school zone" were set up to begin with, to protect our children. Lines must be drawn in the sand and past hard drug offenses should not be forgiven when children are involved.

Would you then allow a person who embezzled money from a company, was convicted be allowed to be the Chief Financial Officer of a publicly traded company? The SEC has regulations and guidelines to ensure shareholders are protected for these offenders.

I do not believe the supporters of this Bill are looking out for what is best for a child and ensuring their safety. What will the Oregon legislature do when a teacher is hired under this new teaching credential and then starts selling or using drugs again? Will the State of Oregon be held liable? This is a very slippery slope and one with dire consequences as our children are the ones at risk.

Please Oppose HB 2942. This is just common sense.

Thank you,
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