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To: House Committee on Judiciary
RE: HB 4008

Chair Bynum, Vice Chair Noble, Vice Chair Power, and members of the committee:

I am writing on behalf of Oregon Voices. We always advocate for evidence-based practices, and thus we applaud and support HB 4008. The Criminal Justice Commission is a remarkable resource for the state and the legislature to inform wise policies. If they cannot gather their own data and analyze it in the short term, they probably can find good data from elsewhere that might provide guidance for future legislation in this area.

We believe that legislation informed by solid evidence is legislation is much more likely to be effective in achieving desired results and in avoiding unwanted side effects.

Sincerely,

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