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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Human Services
Measure: HB4079

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regards to HB 4079. I'm not sure what would drive anyone to come up with this hairbrained idea but it is not a good one. I have lived through many years of addiction and homelessness with my son and I can tell you first hand this measure will do nothing but enable drug addiction, homelessness and death. Every dime of this money will go directly for drugs. Oregonians have voted NO on a sales tax many times and the public funding to homeless, drug addicts and low income keeps them from helping themselves. Open jobs are prevalent and this is the direction these people should be steered towards not continuing to coddle them

The decriminalizing hard drugs bill has done nothing but draw more drug addicts to our city streets. People were duped into voting for it thinking it would provide addiction help to those in need. In practice I believe less than a dozen people have gone through and sought drug addiction help. Giving addicts and low income people free money with no strings attached will do nothing but fuel the fire and bring more people in this category and the state looking for never ending handouts. Low income housing is already scarce and the streets are filled with tents and garage while people slowly die on the side of freeways.

This is a very misguided idea that will backfire and I encourage you to drop this bill or you will be responsible for continuing homelessness and drug deaths

Respectfully,

Jenny Kamprath