

**Subject:** Let's close out the legislative session with one final message to lawmakers

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During the 2024 legislative session, which ended last Thursday, the ACLU of Oregon community fought hard for real solutions to drug addiction and to increase protections against discriminatory book bans and censorship in our public schools.

Unfortunately, too many state lawmakers caved to pressure tactics from a billionaire-backed interest group with police and prosecutors and delay tactics from Republicans, and we were unable to achieve full wins on our priority bills – **HB 4002** (recriminalization of drug addiction) and **SB 1583** (prohibition of discriminatory book bans).

But there were also state lawmakers who heard and had the backs of everyday Oregonians: [Please take a few minutes to fill out this action alert to thank them.](#)

## THANK LAWMAKERS

On **HB 4002**, we acknowledge Representatives Chaichi, Nelson, Pham, and Gamba, and Senators Prozanski, Jama, Frederick, Dembrow, and Manning, Jr., who voted 'Nay' to recriminalizing drug addiction.

On **SB 1583**, we acknowledge the chief sponsors of the bill, Senators Frederick, Steiner, Gelser Blouin, Jama, and Manning, Jr., and Representatives Nelson and Sanchez, as well as the senators who voted 'Aye' in support of it.

We also acknowledge then-House Majority Leader Julie Fahey – now House Speaker – who heard your action alerts and got the bill passed out of committee so it was ready for a full House vote. Unfortunately, then Speaker Rayfield – who is leaving the House to run for Oregon Attorney General – agreed to end the legislative session three days early **without** getting a House floor vote on SB 1583, even though our contacts indicated that there were enough votes to pass the bill.

No matter what, we are very grateful to the ACLU of Oregon community for building power and momentum for current and future fights. I am especially proud of the many thousands of you who called and emailed lawmakers and submitted testimony for public hearings. Thank you for engaging in the hard work of democracy with us!

Please be on the lookout for our full 2024 legislative report, which we'll send out via email in a couple of weeks.

Thank you for speaking up, speaking out, getting in the way, and getting in good trouble with us – as Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis would say. We look forward to creating more good trouble with you during the 2025 legislative session.

With gratitude,

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