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**For many months now, the ACLU of Oregon community has repeatedly asked state lawmakers for real solutions, to drug addiction and homelessness instead of the false promises of criminalization and jails.**

**Lawmakers are hearing us!** Because we've been speaking up, lawmakers have not yet moved forward with harmful bills – including **HB 4002** and **HB 4036** – that would criminalize people experiencing drug addiction and poverty.

## TAKE ACTION

We need everyone to continue contacting lawmakers. Our voices are needed to counteract the multiple special interest groups who are pressuring our lawmakers to pass bad, harmful criminalization policies:

- One of the [interest groups](#) is funded by billionaires and led by the former chief of the Oregon prisons.
- Another is a [dark money group](#) founded by a national Republican political operative and oil industry lobbyists; they're pushing for HB 4036, an extreme Republican-sponsored bill that would jail people with addictions for 364 days, assess them a \$6,250 fine, or both.

By completing this [action alert](#), you also have the opportunity to amplify serious concerns that the [Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court](#) expressed about HB 4002.

**Let's continue asking our lawmakers to support proven and real solutions including more treatment, housing, prevention education, and non-police mobile crisis response teams.**

Thank you for continuing to take action with us to create an Oregon of thriving communities, not more jails and prisons.



**Sandy Chung, J.D.**

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