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50 years of the war on drugs has worsened the drug addiction crisis in our country and caused enormous harm to our Black, brown, and low-income neighbors. Oregon cannot afford to move backwards and reenact these destructive policies that will divert billions of tax dollars away from real solutions and make the drug addiction and homelessness crises more expensive and difficult to solve.

Oregon lawmakers must focus on enacting and funding real solutions that address the root causes of addiction, unsheltered homelessness, poverty, and crime.

**[Please take one minute to fill out our action alert to urge your lawmakers to stay focused on real solutions to drug addiction and homelessness, not more](#)**

[jails and prisons.](#)

**TAKE ACTION**

Let's remind lawmakers about the real solutions that Oregonians desperately need. We need the full spectrum of addiction care and recovery services along with short and long-term affordable housing. Our communities also need work programs for trash clean-up and neighborhood revitalization and programs that send crisis counselors, instead of police, to respond to 911 calls about people having mental health or addiction crises.

[Please take action and stay engaged with us during the 2024 legislative session that starts in February. Your support is critical to creating a more just, equitable, and caring Oregon.](#)

Thank you,



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**Executive Director, ACLU of Oregon**

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