

Subject: Tell state lawmakers to lead with real solutions – not more jails and prisons

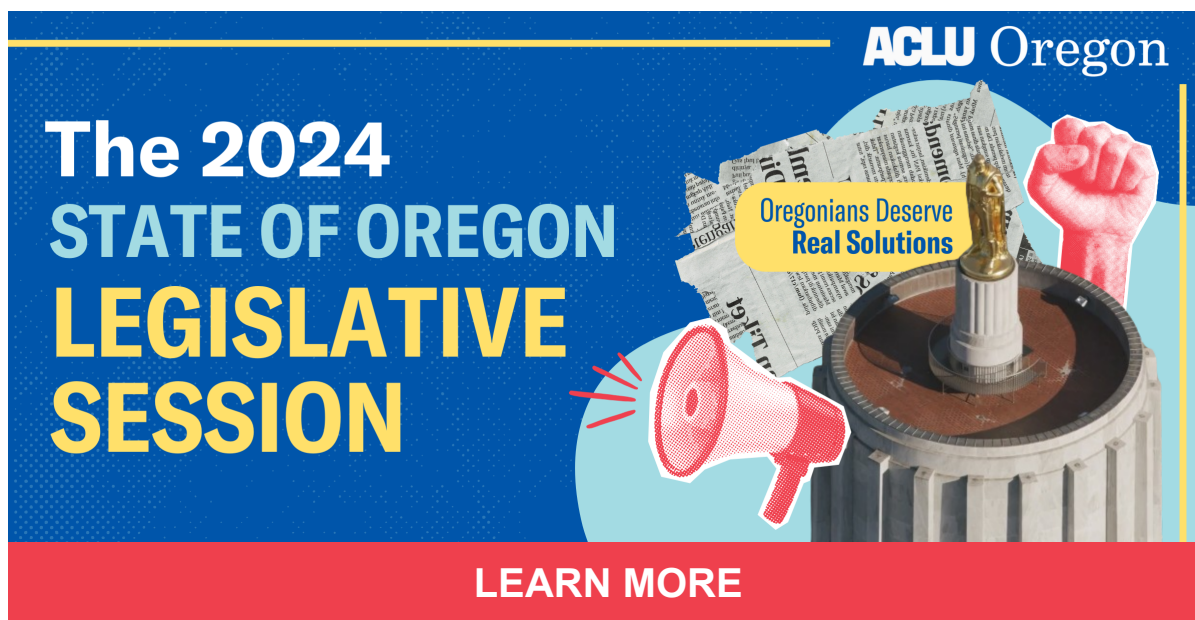
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With the start of the 2024 Oregon legislative session, we need lawmakers to lead with courage, care, and real solutions – not fear mongering and more jails and prisons.

You can tell our lawmakers to LEAD WITH REAL SOLUTIONS by doing this [action alert](#) today!

Democratic and Republican lawmakers are pushing forward with bills like H.B. 4002 that will criminalize Oregonians experiencing drug addiction and poverty.

Based on 50+ years of the failed war on drugs, we know that criminalization will make drug addiction and homelessness worse and more difficult and expensive to solve. And criminalization will continue unconscionable levels of harm and violence on Black, brown, low-income, disabled, LGBTQ+, and rural Oregonians.

Experts and everyday Oregonians know the real solutions to drug addiction and homelessness: treatment, housing, non-police mobile crisis teams, and community revitalization programs. Read and share this recent, informative [NYT op-ed](#) about the critical fight for real solutions in Oregon.

There is no time to waste. Here are three ways you can support our work:

1. [Fill out this form](#) to submit written testimony. It only takes a few minutes!
2. You can also [sign up](#) to provide verbal testimony in-person or virtually.
3. Next week, on **Wednesday, February 14**, join us and coalition partners at the Oregonians for Safety & Recovery Lobby Day! [Sign up now!](#)

Legislators need to hear our voices now more than ever. [Visit our 2024 Legislative Hub which has information on our policy agenda.](#)

Thank you for your tireless efforts to create a more just, equitable, and caring Oregon with thriving communities, not more jails and prisons. See you in the Legislature!

In solidarity,



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