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As we reflect on Oregon's 2024 state legislative session, I want to express my gratitude to all of you – to our more than 27,000 members and supporters. Thank you for your steady and continuing support of the ACLU of Oregon's legislative work in Salem. Thank you for standing with us this session as we confronted formidable challenges and championed causes close to our hearts – together.

I invite you to read our post-session report to recap and reflect on the work we accomplished this season.

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Throughout this session, our community fought with courage and care for real solutions to address our state's drug addiction crisis. We also fought with passion and deep conviction to protect students, teachers, and librarians in our public schools from discriminatory book bans and censorship. Unfortunately, we faced an uphill battle, and we experienced several setbacks in both of these legislative areas.

Even in the face of adversity, an array of lawmakers stood with us. They amplified the voices and values of the ACLU of Oregon community. We extend our deepest gratitude to the lawmakers who advocated for justice by voting against HB 4002 and supporting SB 1583. These lawmakers' commitment to values and real solutions – not political theater and false promises – was a beacon of hope in challenging times.

Let us envision and continue fighting for a state filled with thriving communities, schools, and libraries – not more jails and prisons. Creating an Oregon of greater justice, equity, and care will take time, but we can do it together.

With gratitude,

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