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TAKE ACTION NOW

ACLU Supporter –

We need your help. Oregon is at risk of returning to the failed war on drugs.

On **Monday, December 4**, state lawmakers will hear and receive testimony on the addiction crisis in Oregon. We need lawmakers to hear from you.

Do any or all of the steps below:

1. Fill out our [action alert](#) to lawmakers, which takes only a couple of minutes.
2. Submit [written testimony](#).
3. Sign up to provide [verbal testimony](#), remotely or in-person, at the State Capitol in Salem.

Data and research prove that drug treatment, not jail time, is the real solution to Oregon's addiction epidemic. This is why Oregonians voted overwhelmingly to pass **Measure 110** in 2020, pushing our state to invest our limited tax dollars into treatment resources instead of the criminal system.

Despite this, interest groups with deep pockets and links to the prison system are pressuring Oregon lawmakers to go back to the cruel, ineffective, and expensive tactics of police, jails, and prisons.

We need your help to ensure Oregon moves forward, not backward. [Take action right now and make your voice heard](#). The hearing is first-to-register, first-to-testify, so [please register now](#) if you want to testify verbally.

Our lawmakers need to hear from you. They need to know that you expect them to lead with evidence-based health solutions and Oregon values – NOT fear and stigma.

We need elected leaders to stop making false promises that will worsen the drug addiction crisis and make it more difficult and expensive to solve. We need them to focus on solutions like increasing access to voluntary treatment and funding trash clean-up and neighborhood revitalization efforts – NOT policing vulnerable people.

In solidarity,



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