

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation,

My name is Dr Chong Kee Tan and I live in Marion County. I was an academic and now a farmer and homesteader.

My husband was addicted to marijuana and it almost ended our marriage. Fortunately, when he realized that our marriage was on the brink of failure, he sought help and made a vow never to smoke it again. He kept to it. He is not a criminal. But I have heard of families that were torn apart because of drug offenses. I am fortunate that my family is still intact. Addiction is a public health issue, not a criminal one. Please help families who are struggling with a member who have drug addiction challenges. By making help available to them, many times, it can help families stay together. Not only will Oregon save a lot money by avoiding incarceration costs, it will also save a lot of social welfare costs from broken families, not to mention the human costs of children growing up without one or both parents, and compounding issues such as job losses, homelessness, and bankruptcy.

Please provide the necessary funding to fully fund the Drug Addiction Treatment & Recovery Act and save Oregonian families and children.

Yours truly,
Dr Chong Kee Tan