

To Whom It May Concern,

I was very proud to vote in favor of Measure 110. I have been advocating for legalization of drugs for 3 decades. The unfortunate reality is the implementation of 110 has set back that movement decades. It boggles my mind that anyone would have thought decriminalization of permanent mind altering drugs before anywhere near adequate addiction and mental health services were in place would not result in disaster. I can see how the implementation was the main cause of it's failure, but those in favor of "the war on drugs" will easily and effectively show Oregonians, Americans and the world that decriminalization causes disaster and will effectively keep this countries ineffective and inhumane policy on drugs in place.

My wife is a veterinarian and has been volunteering as a veterinarian for a nonprofit providing veterinary care for the houseless and those that can not afford it for a decade and has been on the board for several years. She has immense compassion for people struggling, but sees first hand that people addicted to hard drugs have no ability to care for themselves. Sometimes they are able to care for an animal which helps them care for themselves, but so many are in a state of mind because of addiction and mental health crisis, often permanently caused by drug use that there is no way they can function in society without treatment let alone handle the responsibility of living in a home.

While I live in Portland I own a winery in the Willamette Valley. The business is at the point where I would think about opening a tasting room in Portland. But not in this Portland even with the significant tax brakes offered to businesses downtown. Use the tax money you have to fix the homelessness, drug, crime, mental health and trash issues in the city so businesses and customers want to come to the city like they used to. Don't give away tax money to businesses to try to lure them back to this dysfunctional city.

My wife and I often say remember when stealing, public nudity, public masturbation, vandalism, violence, public drug use, littering, camping on the literal street, etc. were illegal to help us cope with what we see in this city. It's insane and demonstrates to the citizens of this city, state, country and world that this is how this city feels society should function. I've had two cars stolen that were parked in front of my house in the last 2 years. One was stolen between 8:30am-4:30pm. My insurance company required me to inspect the first one for drug use when it was towed from a Burger King parking lot. Through the window I could see it was full of hard drug paraphernalia, cash, brand new camping equipment, multiple wallets and at least one persons drivers license. My "issue" was taken care of, the car was ruled totaled, but I called the police to let them know there was evidence of multiple crimes in the vehicle. They could not have cared less. Defunding the police is not the solution. Higher pay and less work is part of the answer. Police officers should be paid an adequate wage to live in the city they police and they should not be dealing with mental health crisis. Mental health crisis should be handled by people trained to deal with that and most likely without a gun.

Our son is a freshman in high school and our daughter is in seventh grade. My wife and I have started talking about where we are going to move when my daughter graduates from high

school if we make it that long. We know it will not be in Portland, a city I was a huge supporter and fan of when we moved here in 2007.

Thank you,
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