

Hi,

My name is Kathryn Juergens. I have worked in downtown Portland for 17 years.

Since the passing of Measure 110, the experience of working downtown has gotten progressively worse. Every day I walk past open drug use, drug paraphernalia, and behavior that is out of control and often violent. It makes my morning and evening commute stressful. It limits the amount of time I want to spend in the neighborhood.

As a parent, the passing of Measure 110 causes additional concerns. My 12 year old daughter has witnessed the worst of human behavior by simply walking through the city center.

What do we value as a city? Do we value cleanliness, safety, and vibrancy? Or do we value drug use, lawlessness, and the continuing death spiral of the city core?

Please do what you can to reverse this terrible law. It is within your power to make the possession and use of hard drugs illegal. It is within your power to empower law enforcement. It is in your power to increase the penalties for drug dealing and public drug use.

In short, it is in your power to save this city.

Thanks,
Kathryn Juergens