

To Whom it May concern,

Regarding Oregon Ballot Measure 110, I am requesting that we discontinue the decriminalization of drug use, even for small quantities.

This is not a knee jerk reaction to the current drug use situation in Portland. My opinion and information comes from folks who know much more about this subject matter than me.

I have a close friend who is a circuit judge in Southern Oregon. He was formally an Attorney, who volunteered countless hours serving on the board of a respected rescue mission, and also presided over an extremely successful family court structure in the same Southern Oregon City.

He's seen a lot, regarding the far reaching affects of drugs, and I've heard many of these stories over the years. This, in addition to seeing it lived out daily, right outside my own Northwest Portland Condominium.

I'd we do not require these offenders to stand before a judge, perhaps a "drug court" (so we won't clog up the system with offenders) they simply won't show up.

There MUST be consequences to their actions.

Not having the "lever" of jail time available to them will severely limit what options the judges have. Sometimes a person needs to go to jail, maybe several times, before the light may finally come on. Unfortunately, for too many it never does.

Thanks very much

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