

Measure 110 is clearly not working. As a resident of Portland for more than 25 years, I have seen the city fall from being one of the most desirable places to live in the country to the bottom of the list. This has been fueled by the significant influx of drug addicts living on the streets, committing crimes including theft and vandalism and making the downtown area unsafe for taxpaying citizens. It is NOT compassionate to allow people to continue to do drugs and die on our streets. We need to have tough love and not allow people to suffer and die from drug addiction. I have read and heard many parents and relatives testify that the only time they weren't worried about the safety of their loved ones who were drug addicts and living on the streets was when they were incarcerated. However, I agree that prison is not the best answer; rather, diversion and treatment programs need to be offered and enforced. Allowing and enabling people to live on the streets and take/deal drugs with no recourse is the wrong answer and needs to stop immediately. Measure 110 also attracts drug addicts from all over the country to come to Portland and destroy our city. It is ruining our city and not making it safe. If you haven't done so recently, I encourage you to drive around the downtown area around Burnside and Broadway after dark. It is absolutely scary and unsafe. Every street corner has people completely out of their mind on drugs, drug dealers, fires, garbage, people wandering the streets, etc.. It is very sad. I love Portland but cannot put with this much longer as we are paying some of the highest tax rates in the country and it is not safe to be in our city.

- Make possession of lethal drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth a misdemeanor crime again.
- Give law enforcement tools to steer addicts toward mandatory treatment and away from jail.
- Prioritize diversion programs that put drug users on the path to recovery and a clean criminal record.
- Increase penalties for drug dealing and public drug use.
- Take legislative action in February – people are dying each day under Measure 110.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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