

To the Oregon State Lawmakers,

I am writing in support of rescinding Measure 110.

The legal component of the law, regarding small amounts of drugs, both encourages addiction and gives agency to the addicts and the dealers on the street. The dealers and cartels have won. Our cities and communities have lost. We've lost in quality of life outside our doors and in our public spaces. We've lost by having to watch our fellow citizens turn into meth and fentanyl zombies on the sidewalk. We watch while nothing can be done because we've made it legal and OK to publicly harm ourselves in one of the most damaging ways we can.

The quality of life that our cities and communities provide should be of utmost importance to all of us.

I have lived in the Old Town neighborhood of Portland for 17 years. Measure 110 has destroyed any quality of life our community ever had. I have watched first hand the change that has happened to the people on the streets since Measure 110 was enacted. It has turned our neighborhood into something out of a nightmare. Legalizing drugs only encourages the brazen use of them. The absence of drug laws for small amounts has stripped law enforcement's ability to intervene and stop what has been disastrous for our city and for many individuals.

Once measure 110 is rescinded the next step should be to provide treatment for addiction and mental health in our jails and prisons. We should provide opportunities for diversion courts to help non-violent addicted offenders have an option in the legal system, and we must provide mental health and addiction services for citizens all around the state of Oregon.

It will take many years to recover from the damage Measure 110 has done to our community, but we must start now.

Please Rescind Measure 110 immediately!!

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