

Hello Lawmakers,

I am writing to urge you to tighten Oregon's drug laws related to Ballot Measure 110. I think we have all seen that the rampant permissiveness and lack of penalty and enforcement have resulted in a situation that is not good for citizens of Portland, businesses, or the drug users. Health, safety, and the local economy (downtown especially) have suffered an impact that will be tough to reverse.

The city needs to let people know that drug use (and dealing) is not permitted in this city, and that there will be substantial penalties for those that engage in these activities. Period. Holding people accountable for their actions is one of the best levers we have to deter unacceptable behavior. Providing "help" services to those that need drug abuse assistance, services that are viable from a budget standpoint, should accompany clearly defined laws for what is legal and what is not.

Sincerely,

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