

Dear OR Legislators,

Measure 110 has had a huge impact on my livability in Portland. COVID shut down a lot of mass treatment options and then 110 came. In those few years my neighborhood has deteriorated. I had someone spill liquid meth into my car interior as they hopped in to smoke one winter evening around 5pm. I've had someone passed out with a needle in front of my house. The nearest busy streets from me are NE Broadway and MLK and they are littered now with drug addicts and graffiti.

People in my neighborhood want to see their money go to treatment and if it has to be forced, so be it. Why are addicts expected to have clarity of mind? Is that compassionate to leave someone to fester in their addiction.

I volunteer at Rose Haven weekly. There are no treatment partners making themselves available. This is a rich environment for referrals. Yet we make them seek it out and jump through hoops to get there. Surely we can afford to have a van ready and waiting for that person who is ready to go from the day shelter on the spot?

We need open beds and resources set up prior to these laws taking effect. Why open the levy during flood season.

My kids are 11 and 13 and they have seen so much despair. Hopefully it will inspire them to not ever do drugs but it is also a bad reflection in our system. You have failed addicts and taxpayers. You've stolen our kids safety and innocence by letting this problem grown and take root.

I challenge you to fix it now.

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