

I work downtown Portland. Many of my colleagues are afraid to walk around downtown. The drive to the parking garage, they come into the office, and they drive home at night. They don't leave the building on foot unless they are part of a large group. The reason? They feel unsafe because of the many drug addicted people downtown. I tend to get out more than my colleagues. I see people lying down all over who are either dead or on drugs—I can't tell the difference. Sometimes I get yelled at. I've been chased before also. Once I had a knife brandished at me. The people selling drugs are destroying people's lives. Hold them accountable. Drug dealing, even very small amounts, should be punished based on the terrible impact it has on drug users. Please take action:

- Make possession of lethal drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth a misdemeanor crime again.
- Give law enforcement tools to steer addicts toward mandatory treatment.
- Increase penalties for drug dealing and public drug use.
- Take legislative action in February – people are dying each day under Measure 110.

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