

I write as a native Oregonian and a long time homeowner and tax payer in Portland, Oregon. I regretfully voted for Measure 110. Since it has passed, I have seen my SE Woodstock neighborhood go downhill. I no longer feel safe. I can't walk alone at night. The amount of open drug use, needles, burned foil from smoking off it, feces, campers, and even deaths at the end of my street has convinced me that this program is a colossal fail.

All attempts to reach police over criminal activity have been met with replies that their hands are tied due to this measure. The police do not offer tickets because they throw them onto the ground in front of them. There are no repercussions for their drug use. Crime has increased. Moral has tanked amongst citizens and neighbors. And the intended rehabilitation is not happening.

Oregon has become a safe haven for addicts to come, use, and continue to suffer in their addiction. Measure 110 hasn't helped rehab. There are no great programs that follow and monitor post minimal rehab, if they make it to rehab. I could go on, but follow the stats. Even leaders of communities in the thick of this are arguing it is not the answer.

When I hear repeatedly that jail and forced rehab was the only thing that got an addict sober, I have to question how this program that has no enforcement, no repercussions, no accountability, too few rehab options and so forth is in the best interest of the state, the city, the neighborhoods, children, schools, parks, and most of all the addicted and mentally ill.

Please do the right think and repeal this madness, so cops can do their job, and money can be dumped into programs that have availability/ work, and open and legal drug use isn't on every corner of this city.

Thank you,  
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