

I was one of the voters who supported Measure 110, thinking it would help to improve the situation for drug addicts in Portland by ending criminal prosecutions. However, it has only made things worse. Since sellers are still penalized, the drug cartels are still in business. To address that issue, you would have to not decriminalize possession but legalize it completely, thus making it legal for sellers to provide the drugs, throwing cartels out of business. However, since that is not happening, it is time to immediately repair measure 110 with these critical fixes:

Make possession of lethal drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth a misdemeanor crime again.
Give law enforcement tools to steer addicts toward mandatory treatment and away from jail.
Prioritize diversion programs that put drug users on the path to recovery and a clean criminal record.
Increase penalties for drug dealing and public drug use.
Take legislative action in February – people are dying each day under Measure 110.

Thank you.

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