

Hello. I am writing to you regarding the 12/4 hearing on Ballot Measure 110. I want to tell you briefly how this measure has negatively effected my life. My wife and I live on NE Ivy Street in NE Portland and once this measure went into effect, the quality of life on my street spiraled downward almost immediately. For a solid 2 years, our 1 block street (between MLK Blvd. and Rodney Street) was inundated with open drug dealing and use, incredible litter including needles and paraphernalia to smoke crack and fentanyl, knives, and bullets. Groups of mainly men would gather nightly on one corner of our street with music blaring from 10pm to 5am with shouting matches and fights breaking out almost hourly. Soon abandoned autos were left on our street, some with bullet holes in the body or windshields. Things all came to a head a year or so when a person was murdered on the corner. You can trace all of troubles I touched on to the passing of Measure 110.

I would like to see possession of drugs like fentanyl, heroin, crack, and meth made a crime again with real enforcement and prosecution of criminals.

I would like to see increased penalties for drug dealing and public use.

Please give law enforcement the tools to deal with addicts whether it's incarceration or treatment.

Please take action to save our state and pathetic city.

Thanks,
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