

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of an amendment or full repeal of Oregon's Measure 110. As a long time resident of Portland, I have seen firsthand that the decriminalization of hard drugs like methamphetamine, heroin and Fentanyl have impacted our city and community.

We see individuals every day with mental and physical health crises fueled by addiction and drug use all over Southeast Portland. Many are homeless, and many are quite young. We see people using these drugs as they operate vehicles. We see paraphernalia and the actual drugs around our children's schools, in our driveways and sidewalks, and at the entrances to buildings. We witness theft and desperation and a true lack of safety as drug addled individuals with very unsound judgment do anything they can to continue their use.

What we sadly do not see are people receiving assistance and support to get off of these life altering drugs that are throwing our city and state to the fore in the media worldwide, and for all of the wrong reasons.

I did not support this measure initially, anticipating these concerns in advance. I now feel that the actual implementation has proven to be counterproductive and deleterious for ALL of the citizens of the state. Please consider this as a desperate and genuine appeal to amend or annul this measure.

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