

Legislators

We are all concerned about the explosion of fentanyl and related addiction, public drug use, and mental health crises in the public realm. We need to stay the course on Measure 110, fix what's not working with this innovative measure and most of all not recriminalize drug use and addiction.

What is needed:

More addiction treatment with recovery housing

Affordable housing that reduces the impacts of poverty

Sending professional mental health counselors like Portland Street Response--not police--for people experiencing mental health or addiction crises in public.

The data is clear: harsher penalties will not stop drug use. Drug addiction, particularly with the powerful fentanyl now widely available, is a country-wide issue not limited to Oregon. Being unsheltered intensifies mental health issues and often leads unsheltered people to turn to drugs to self-medicate--this is why significantly increasing affordable housing with supportive services is so critical to addressing this crisis.

Thank you,

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