

As a citizen of Portland OR, it has become very evident that Measure 110 is not doing what it was “proposed” to do when a majority voted it into law.

One only needs to go downtown or certain areas around Portland to see the disaster that Measure 110 has inflicted on our City. Unfortunately, rampant drug use and continual overdoses (some experiencing OD’s several times over) have tarnished our daily lives and affected public safety.

What I seek from our legislators in Salem is some definitive actions on making changes to the Measure.

1. Make possession of lethal drugs like fentanyl, heroin and meth a MISDEMEANOR crime again!
2. Increase penalties for drug dealing and drug usage.
3. Give Law Enforcement the appropriate tools to steer addicts toward mandatory treatment and away from jail.
4. Prioritize diversion programs that help put users onto a path to recovery and a clean record.

I urge that you take action in February, 2024 as we can not continue to have people die from drug abuse.

Looking forward to your proposals.

Thank you.

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