

Hello,

I am writing to ask you to either repeal or significantly modify Measure 110. I think it is clear to any thinking person that the law, as it stands, is a total disaster. I did not vote for this law because it INFINITELY CLEAR that there was no real plan in place for mandatory rehabilitation. Just as I feared, the freedom to use and buy DEADLY drugs was immediately enacted. Then Governor Kate Brown, postponed even creating a committee to address the rehabilitation portion of the law for months!!!

I live in NE Portland. The DANGEROUS drug related crimes that resulted from this law going into effect with no real plan to help users include:

Open drug use on our street

Violent drug dealers present on our street. I know they were violent because there was almost nightly gunfire ON MY STREET for months. There was open drug use, abandoned cars with bullet holes in their windshields, open prostitution and additionally, the blockage of our street by the cars drug dealers. Things were pretty awful until a man was murdered just 6 houses away from me. Our neighborhood group had made appeals for help to EVERY SINGLE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND THE MAYOR. NOT ONE OF THEM EVER ENGAGED WITH US TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

**THE ONLY CITY ORGANIZATION WHO EVER RESPONDED TO OUR PLEAS WAS THE PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT!** I think we all know that they were and continue be completely understaffed and their hands are tied by Measure 110 to deal with these problems.

I am certain you mostly hearing from organizations that think they know better...who also profit and make their living from pretending to solve these problems. They are way to vested supporting Measure 110 to give any kind of objective feedback.

Here's what I want to see happen:

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.

**Stop talking and forming committees....do something. OUR CITY IS DYING. Oh, and what about all the rest of us...you know those responsible citizens who pay taxes and to work and raise their kids and support local business. WE DESERVE BETTER FROM YOU.**

Just to set the record straight, I lived in Portland for over 40 years. I raise two sons here. I love this town! Oh, and I am a lifelong Democrat who is appalled at the complete inability of our leadership to take pragmatic and meaningful action to replace and repair what is clearly a broken policy.

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