

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. I grew up in Portland and am ashamed to see the laughing stock our city has become.

Anytime I talk to friends outside Portland, they express sympathy and assume I'm living in a war zone - I love this city and truly hate this national characterization.

It has been well documented that Measure 110 is making Oregon's problems worse: cleanliness, addiction and overdoses, homelessness, mental health, and public safety. Sadly, rampant public drug use is now part of Portland's daily life and national reputation. The exodus of people is eroding our tax base and beginning a classic "death spiral" for this city I love.

Please consider the following:

- 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.

We need to urgently turn things around and admit 110 has been a failure. The future of our city depends on it. Thanks for your time.

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Please excuse brevity and typos