

My name is J. Lindquist and I live and work in Milwaukie Oregon. My job for the past 7 years is the office manager for an outpatient opioid treatment clinic.

I have seen patients come and go with all types of substance use disorders in that time but what we are experiencing now is unprecedented.

The patients that intake currently are younger, more addicted, use multiple substances and are less likely to stick with the program.

While I feel M110 had good intentions behind it, it has failed miserably. Poorly written, no supporting services of any actual help and no consequences.

If anybody really "knows" addiction, then they know a particular instance has to happen to get a person to sober up. AKA, "rock bottom". This will never happen with citation and harm reduction (which is a joke).

In another time and place, M110 may work. Timing was terrible with covid isolation, job loss, inflation and many other social factors when it came to fruition. Like throwing gasoline on an already raging fire.

If you are a native Oregonian or lived here a long time with your eyes open, you also know that drugs have been flowing through this state from Mexico from the beginning of the migrate worker. I was a child in the 70s and even then had a keen sense of this with marijuana first, then cocaine, black tar heroin and crystal methamphetamine.

We basically gave the cartels the green light to set up shop. With are past failing drug policies, the US gives the cartels carte blanche to come up with new and better ways to make money. Fentanyl and super meth were born. Why tend a poppy field with labor and farming supplies when you can receive a barrel of chemicals for dirt cheap and gross 100 times more product.

If chemical based substances were not in play, I believe to some degree M110 could work with active policing, follow up and available rehabilitation. The drugs being used now are highly addictive, manipulative, cheap and deadly. Much harder to kick than the heroin of Oregons past, where you didn't need inpatient beds and it didn't make the user psychotic.

I hope this board truly places themselves in the position of the drug user in Oregon as well as the people in the trenches trying to help and don't have political ambition, ideology or influence controlling their thoughts and actions. The time is now to get Oregon back to the beautiful state it once was and not the laughing stock it has become.

Thank you for your time.