

Hello,

I live in NE Portland and have been severely impacted negatively since measure 110 had the word spread across the country and we became the Disneyland for addicts. I voted YES for 110 as in principle it sounded great. I now deeply regret that vote and ask for another chance to Vote on its removal. These ideas cannot effectively take hold without both a Carrot and a stick approach to motivate people to get treatment.

The result of 110 has been people with addiction flocking to Oregon and especially selecting areas with the most passive criminal laws/enforcement. No matter how many services eventually start working it will not improve the impact this law has on the community as it will only draw more people with issues to arrive here from other states.

The nuts-and-bolts financial reality is our tax base has zero ability to support the influx of resource-heavy people in addiction appearing on our streets. This has resulted in many high tax paying residents leaving Portland and most major businesses/stores slowly leaving resulting in an eroding the tax base and reducing services to the entire community. This means not getting Ambulance/Fire/Police promptly or at all and costing so many lives of people who don't even have an addiction.

My personal experience has gone from a calm neighborhood with no drug use in public to at least once a week asking someone to not use Fentanyl or Meth outside my house as I am not comfortable letting my kids ride their bikes on their block with people doing drugs in front of them. The response I get 50% of the time is it's legal and they can do what they want. After that, I asked them where they were from, and 75% of the time it's not Oregon and they had arrived in the last several years.

I have two local cousins who battled addiction, and both got clean when in jail and are now thriving adults. They both had tough love from family and ended up on the streets impacting others by stealing for their habit. I don't believe they would have chosen to get clean on their own, which is the flawed model/idea behind 110 and needs to be totally rewritten or repealed ASAP to both help local people in addiction get clean and stop encouraging the non-sustainable influx of addiction tourism occurring.

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