

Hello All,

Thank you for taking my testimony below and thank you for your service.

REPEAL OR FIX 110 - IT IS NOT WORKING

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People are openly doing drugs and there is no incentive to get care and it brings out drug dealers, which we know can lead to crime. This is not working. It is scary when I turn the corner walking my dog and find people doing drugs on the sidewalk, in altered states. This is not an isolated incident.

We drove from down Harvey Milk Street to see the new Midtown Beer Garden by Expensify and it was terrifying. People in altered states, wandering into traffic, and drug dealers everywhere. By the way, the Willamette Week wrote an article about the prevalence of these drug dealers - everyone sees them: <https://www.wweek.com/news/2023/07/26/on-portlands-fentanyl-corner-a-dance-with-death-sells-for-20/> How are we going to encourage people to get back into the community when they have to navigate this clear danger?

It is unsafe and terrifying - this is not working. Please strongly consider working across the aisle to make some changes to make Oregon safer while in parallel working to get services to support those in need, as proposed by Republicans: <https://katu.com/news/local/oregon-congresswoman-challenges-governor-on-fallout-from-measure-110-calls-for-cooperative-approach-to-tackle-drug-abuse-crisis>

And close the loopholes that Portland Mayor is referring to: <https://katu.com/news/katu-investigates/portland-mayor-ted-wheeler-wants-oregon-state-lawmakers-to-close-drug-use-loophole> and support Commissioner Rene Gonzalez's proposal: <https://twitter.com/CommissionerRG/status/1694754056483529104?s=20>

As our legislator, you are expected to represent all of us, not just the drug addicted - we too are your constituents and we too deserve to feel listened to. Healthy communities also means safe communities for us as we too are vulnerable.

And I was beyond dismayed to read that OR Democrats blocked support on House Bill 2310 when OR Republicans tried to withdraw the bill from committee so cities could ban hard drug use.

So many of us are dismayed by politics nowadays, and sadly here in Oregon it just makes me and many others feel completely ignored by our Governor and representatives and frankly talked down to when it comes to issues concerning basic livability.

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Please help all of us.
Thank you for your time.