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Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response
State Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
State Representative Jason Kropf, Co-Chair
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Measure 110

Co-Chairs Lieber, Kropf, and members of the Committee,

Last month, I was one of many voicing my concerns with Measure 110 and requesting the legislature to step up and act now on fixes to Measure 110. Waiting until the 2024 Short Session arrives, is not the answer. We need real action now.

We have the power to call a Legislative Session in Salem NOW and not wait another 60 plus days to start acting. Every day that we sit back and talk about how to fix things people continue to fall into addiction and die on our streets.

Unfortunately, the situation Oregon is facing concerning Measure 110 is not an emergency that needs declared as the facts are clear we are already in the middle of a drug epidemic.

After working with fellow colleagues, considering information presented by the Oregon District Attorneys Association, the Oregon State Sheriffs Association, the Oregon Association Chief of Police, and League of Oregon Cities, a draft of preliminary solutions has been crafted.

We have the solutions to begin reversing the failures of Measure 110. I urge the committee to **repeal** Measure 110, **restore** criminal penalties for drugs, and **reinvest** in rehabilitation at the local level. In order to do this, we must come together in the legislature and call for a Special Session before it's too late.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this extremely important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Scharf".

Anna Scharf
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