

Hello,

I voted for Measure 110 in November 2020 with the hope this would pave a new path for those suffering from drug addiction. As a psychiatrist, I see addiction as an illness that needs treatment. However, since 110 passed, we have seen drug addiction increase in Portland without treatment. It's a public health epidemic with people suffering on the streets. I do believe in mandating treatment when people do not have the ability to help themselves within the addiction spiral.

Please consider

- 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.

Sincerely,

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