

I am a Multnomah County taxpayer and a senior citizen. I have been an Oregon voter for over 50 years. Ballot Measure 110 was a horrible mistake and the consequences can be witnessed daily in the dumpster-fire that is Multnomah County. A year ago I and another gentleman unknown to me, were randomly attacked without provocation at 9 AM outside a grocery store in NE Portland by a young man obviously on methamphetamines. Needles are a commonplace in our parks and on the streets because public drug use has become so pervasive. I rarely ride Portland's MAX train anymore because of the drug-addled/mentally ill clientele, and I avoid Old Town like the plague. Portland's homicide rate, car theft rate, and shoplifting/property theft plague can all be linked significantly to the passage and so-called "implementation" of Measure 110.

The legislature needs to have the courage to say "this isn't working" and resubmit it to the voters once again. I promise you it will be repealed by the vast majority of citizens...we who have "lived-experience" of the consequences of this ill-conceived program. What could go wrong with a plan that allows addicts to use drugs with impunity and only encourages them to seek treatment when *they* are ready for it? Measure 110 is all about carrots (at the taxpayers' expense) and no sticks.

Legislators have a chance now to show average, taxpaying, law-abiding Oregonians that **Public Safety** means keeping the public **Safe**, something I have personally observed precious little of from most Portland area elected officials these past few years. Please do the right thing and re-refer Measure 110 to the voters and in the meantime, add penalties for methamphetamine, fentanyl and heroin possession and use.

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