

The objectives of Measure 110 were noble and lofty. It promised treatment instead of jail, help over punishment. With woefully disorganized and inadequate treatment options, the State of Oregon was completely unprepared to execute the measure in any remotely successful way. By eliminating jail and not providing treatment, we are left with streets and neighborhoods that are overrun with drugs and addicts and the garbage, vandalism, human waste, and crime that they leave behind. Our city has become unsafe and unlivable. Businesses are fleeing and taking jobs with them. Property values are plummeting and, people can't get out of Multnomah County fast enough. Emergency services are overwhelmed with overdose calls, and more people are dying than are being helped by what was a well-intentioned idea.

Please press pause on Measure 110 until Oregon has the resources in the form of space in treatment programs for the thousands of people who need it. Set a solid benchmark for building out what is needed and feasible to provide the treatment programs promised by Measure 110 and do not fully enact it until that benchmark is reached. Staunch the bleeding and chaos caused by this measure until it can be executed without putting both healthy citizens and addicted citizens in danger. The handful of people who may have been helped by Measure 110 so far are dwarfed by the damage that has been done to thousands of others. Give the law some teeth so that people can get help, but are not allowed to terrorize our city if they choose not to.

Thank you,  
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