

To whom it may concern,

M110 might be one of Oregon's most devastating Measures ever passed. It has been an absolute disaster since day one. How can I make such strong opinionated statements? Because I see it every day as a First Responder in central Oregon.

I work as a Fire Captain for a medium sized Fire District. We, as most public safety agencies are extremely under staffed. Since the passing of M110 we have been stretched extremely thin. We have witnessed a 40% increase in EMS alarms in the last two years. Many of these emergency alarms have been directly related to illegal drug abuse. Cardiac arrests due to OD's of fentanyl, heroin and Rx drugs have spiked.

A real eye opener for me has been the repeat overdose offenders. Many times I have seen individual's overdose (stopped breathing) who needed life saving measure's. We treat them with narcan, BVM with O2, cardiac monitoring, IV fluids and transport to the ER. We saved their lives, without us they would have died.

One would think this would be a wake up call for these individuals. This would be rock bottom in most people's lives. Well measure 110's "phone call rehab" has proven otherwise. We have responded on some of these individuals twice in one day for overdoses. So, they OD, we save their lives, they are transported to the ER only to be released that day and they decide to use again and overdose twice in the same day. In essence these druggies have no rock bottom. There is no consequence for their behavior. The only ones that pay the price are the tax payers, emergency responders in the field and staff at the ER.

On duty is unfortunately not the only place that M110 has negatively affected my life. I served in the U.S. Military, put myself through school and worked my tail off to buy a home (in a once nice town) for my family of four. I've seen our city go from a clean, safe place into something I don't even recognize. I now have homelessness encampments less than 1/4 mile from my home. You and my kids can see open drug use every time we pass by, which is everyday.

If supporters of M110 can help explain to my 8 & 10 year old why open air drug use is considered "ok" please contact me. I'm personally at a loss of words at what this state I've called home for 43 years has become.

Repeal this disastrous measure before our state reaches a point of no return.

Sincerely concerned native Oregonian, 1st Responder and tax paying voter.

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