

Hello,

I moved to Portland in May, 2022 with my family. I had previously visited in 2011, 2015, 2016 and 2019. I have great memories of site seeing, trying all kinds of restaurants, and walking around.

I do not remember Portland being such a dumpster fire (drug addicts roaming the streets, violent crimes everywhere, mentally ill people, and such a divide of rich versus poor).

If anyone asks me what I think of Portland. I tell them, "This used to be a happy place for me, but Portland is no longer a good place to raise a family). Measure 110 — decriminalizing hard drugs — is a giant green light telling all the homeless and mentally ill that Portland and all of Oregon is soft on drugs and a great place for them to be.

I am sick and tired of explaining to my children what overdosing is, and telling them to stay away from drugs. Drug is such a broad term, so now I feel obligated to tell them (well that person is either on fentanyl or heroine, and this person is on methamphetamine, or crack).

Measure 110 was a horrible idea, addicts are not getting the help they need. It is time for city officials to clean up Portland and the rest of Oregon and quit thinking about being re-elected and their own income.

Sincerely,

—Kai Chow