

Dear Sir or Madam

I implore you to repeal measure 110. I live in the downtown Portland area on 9th Ave., Northwest. I can't express to you how deplorable the streets have become with drug abuse. Users are ubiquitous and at times one feels very unsafe walking the streets which I do regularly going to grocery stores, retail shops, and the Farmers market at PSU. One feels uncertain and somewhat unsafe, passing by an individual or group of individuals, huddled around strips of aluminum with powder on them, that they openly either snort, smoke or self administer intravenously. We have to cross the street in order to avoid a potential confrontation. That happened to me personally on a couple of occasions when an individual, perhaps in a paranoid state about protecting his stash, verbally threatened to assault me if I came closer. This kind of scenario must be eliminated for the safety of the citizens, and especially those of visitors who have occasionally stopped and asked for directions and mentioned how shocked and dismayed they were with what Portland has become. It is not lost on the citizens or visitors that police neither have the resources, nor the time to attend to these issues, resulting in the city drifting into a place of boarded buildings and businesses that have evacuated for the safety of their employees and rampant theft, as well as fearful and wary citizens. The most obvious recent example of businesses abandonment is REI, among many other small retailers, and restaurants. This is what open drug abuse does. It leads to theft and vandalism to support a drug habit, not to mention disease and death, which is in turn highly enabled by measures like 110. I again implore you to repeal this measure for the sake of our future, and that of future generations of Portlanders.

Respectfully.

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