

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I hope this message reaches you well. My name is Michael Goodman, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Measure 110 and to urge you to take immediate action to repeal it. Recent developments and evidence highlight the disastrous consequences of this measure on our community.

In the past two years, an article revealed that less than 1% of individuals ticketed under Measure 110 paid fines. Additionally, a recent study by Portland State University found that police are reluctant to issue tickets due to the apparent failure of the measure to motivate individuals receiving them. This lack of compliance underscores the ineffectiveness of Measure 110 in achieving its intended goals.

From its inception, Measure 110 has been marred by issues. The burden of implementation has been placed on the public, leaving us to deal with the fallout when such policies fail. There were warnings from Stanford-educated psychologists in Salem who suspected the measure's failure, as those most in need of treatment often lack the necessary family or social networks to seek help.

Furthermore, the incompetence of the Oregon government has resulted in substantial delays in funding reaching treatment centers, rendering the allocated resources ineffective. The delays of 1-1.5 years in funding disbursement have hindered the potential positive impact Measure 110 could have had on our community.

The current situation feels akin to an undergraduate liberal arts project, seemingly crafted by individuals with theoretical knowledge but lacking practical experience in justice and addiction. It is disheartening and embarrassing, reminiscent of previous governmental missteps such as the Care Oregon rollout or the Covid unemployment failures.

I implore you to consider unbiased data on the effectiveness of treatment providers in addressing addiction. If there is evidence of positive outcomes, it needs to be thoroughly assessed. However, skepticism remains regarding the management of funding and its impact on improving addiction outcomes.

If Measure 110 is repealed, and a mandate for addicts to undergo treatment is established, there is a concern that addiction treatment could become a lucrative industry in Oregon. This potential financial incentive raises questions about the ethical implications and the risk of perpetuating addiction to sustain such infrastructure.

What is particularly troubling is the absence of accountability and acknowledgment of failure. No one has taken responsibility for the shortcomings of Measure 110. Acknowledging mistakes is crucial for progress, and the lack of humility from those responsible for this measure is infuriating.

I urge you to prioritize the well-being of our community over political considerations and to repeal Measure 110 promptly. Let us work together to develop effective, evidence-based solutions that truly address the challenges of addiction in Oregon.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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