

Good afternoon, I am a concerned citizen requesting that you please take swift and concrete action – not more studies, more taxes, more talk, more trips to Portugal etc. – on Measure 110. I live in Portland and work downtown. You know how horrific the drug addiction crisis is on our streets. I see it every day. Small, locally owned businesses downtown have been closing because of crime, filth and general lawlessness. Right outside my building there are typically dozens of people taking drugs out in the open, passing out on top of each other, harassing citizens, leaving piles of trash, defecating on the sidewalk and engaging in other criminal behavior.

I am a lifelong D—having worked in Democratic politics for a significant time. But we need to act more like Ds from my hometown—Chicago. We need to be practical. We need to clean up our downtown. We need to make our city safe and clean again.

Please take action. Items should include:

- Make possession of lethal drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth a misdemeanor crime again.
- Give law enforcement tools to steer addicts toward mandatory treatment and away from jail.
- Prioritize diversion programs that put drug users on the path to recovery and a clean criminal record.
- Increase penalties for drug dealing and public drug use.
- Take legislative action in February – people are dying each day under Measure 110.

Thank you for your consideration.

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