

To whom this may concern,

I'm taking this opportunity to write to you about the failed measure 110. I am a native Portlander and I LOVE my hometown city and state, but this measure and the worst leadership in our city's history is destroying this gorgeous city. While I am a huge fan of progressive ideas and helping to solve problems with creative and long lasting solutions, this measure was a foul attempt to fix a devastating problem. I'm an educated Oregonian and have been an educator for 30 years and I am struggling to see how anyone with average intelligence thought this was a good idea! I believe in allowing people to live their lives as they choose when it doesn't harm others around them, but this measure (and let's face it the poor leadership of Hardesty and Wheeler) is harming those addicted and those who have to live among the drug zombies in our neighborhoods! I am one of those hard working Oregonians that get up every morning and go to work and pay my bills and the outrageous taxes in my state and city, yet my tax money is going to god knows what because what I live in and see on a daily basis is atrocious! I have had to work daily to rid my street of a massive heroin den and watch people being driven in so they could get high in front of my elderly neighbor's home AND a daycare! My neighbors and I fought and stood our ground and risked our safety to say no to these degenerate humans. We begged for help and were told there was nothing that could be done. Finally after months of bugging every law maker and police officer and PBOT it was towed. But it didn't end there! We've had to take so many of these situations into our own hands and have been threatened with violence by these drug addicted people. Why is it that I must pay property taxes on MY home ,watch prices rise, pay insane gas prices, and all the things go along with being a good and positive citizen in my community but those who CHOOSE to do drugs get a free pass to smoke and shoot up on my street corner!?!? How does this make sense? I never imagined I'd move out of the city I love, but I now hate where I live and can't wait to leave it! I'm so sad to have to leave a place I've loved all my life. I wish our government wasn't so corrupt and would actually use the money to fix the problems, but we know they aren't! I am all for paying more for a solution but I know the money is being misused and going into the pocket of those who don't need it. This tax payer has lost ALL empathy for the street zombies and to anyone still reading this, I was the first person to hand out money and food to the corner sign holders but now I have nothing but anger and disgust for them as they steal from stores and homes to feed their habit. Our state is a joke at this point and I'm not ok with that. Use my hard earned money to fix the problem or we will just move and you will have nothing but drug addicts to pay your bills!

If you love this city and don't want to be the next Detroit, then I suggest you start making these people accountable for THEIR actions! Why is it prison or bust? Why can't we have facilities that create a consequence for the violence and theft but at the same time be a way to allow someone to be get clean. There is t one layer to this problem! I know it and you know it so let's just all know it together! Don't talk down to me and tell me I don't understand the complexity of this issue, because friends I do know and being in an official position doesn't make you smarter than those of us living through tents and campers on our neighborhood streets...it actually makes us so much smarter! Repeal 110 and find a solution before you pass another outrageous law like this! You can't treat this epidemic with a bandaid, so stop trying! Get these tents off my street and bring Portland back to their rightful owners...the people who love it's beauty and PAY THEIR TAXES!!!!