State Lawmakers -

I write you as a native Oregonian. Born, raised and still hanging on, by a thread. However, the direction of our state is not one that I can continue to live in. And as evidenced by the exodus of other state citizens, not the direction many Oregonians are okay with.

Measure 110 is the crux to many of our state's problems. I urge you to please fix this failed law. We have a drug problem in Oregon. One that allows and enables addiction and overdose, homelessness, increased mental health issues and an escalation of crime and lack of public safety for our citizens.

This rampant use of drugs has made being an Oregonian extremely difficult. As much as I love this state, Oregon is not a safe place to live, let alone raise children. A state that was once the destination for our beautiful outdoors, clean city, food versatility and friendly residents has instead become the destination and home to drug addicts.

We have traded families, working professionals and loyal Oregonians for needles, foils and drug addicted residents. Our streets are littered, our curbs are lined with tents, trailers, rubbish. It is a shame, but the national reputations of Oregon is true. If this is how quickly things can change in a matter of two years after the passing of Measure 110, I cannot stay around to see what another two years will do to this state.

Please, look around wat what fentanyl, heroin, meth, and other drugs have done to this state. Please, look at how much money and resources have gone into legalizing drugs and enabling users. We have such better use for that money if we had not legalized these drugs in the first place. Please, look at the ruins we are in. Please, fix this failed law and bring back safety, penalty for drug possession, cleanliness and order. We have a long road to get back to where we were, but if we don't change now, the only people left to help restore Oregon to what we once were will be drug addicts. And that is a state that will not be able to survive if you look at who and what the conditions are surrounding that population.

Sincerely, Whitney