

Thank you for reading my email, my name is Chad I'm a Navy veteran in recovery. I've lived in Portland since 2015. I graduated from Portland State with a bachelors in conflict resolution in 2017 and I have a Peer Support certification that I received down in Roseburg at the veterans hospital, I saw the city go from beautiful to complete destruction. I saw a one safe city, thriving, businesses, open, to being completely shut down to a drug infested Ghost Town. I have personally resuscitated and documented two people dying right in front of me, before ambulances arrived, I've been exposed numerous times to drug paraphernalia smoke exhalation, just being present downtown and volunteering at Tpi transition projects. I'm downtown every day.

I am also somebody who's identified in the recovery field from personal recovery myself, I am successful graduate from the drug court program in New Mexico in 2014 after my third DUI

My testimony is that recovery works, but I didn't get the help I needed until I was given an ultimatum -- after my 3rd DWI Alcohol- I was offered a year in prison or a year and a half in drug court.

I chose drug court, and it was the best decision I ever made. Drug court, which saved my life and changed it in a way that I could've never imagined, was the guiding light. I'm very thankful, and believe it's very necessary to have two options, and no more, mandatory recovery, or jail time, especially on a second or third offense of a very serious misdemeanor of drinking and driving.

I am a success story I became friends with my probation officer, we still talk- when I decided to be completely honest and open up, my counselors Anna Quintana and others were great in the drug Court program in Albuquerque New Mexico - judge Christine Jaramillo, which is now a federal judge I believe if she's not retired, was stern But very educational and and supreme asset in helping me get to the successful man that I am today .

We have a serious problem as you know, there needs to be very stern consequences, people are dying multiple times a day, and being revived. As you know, the statistics, we've lost the city momentarily to an outside narrative that this place is unsafe, we've lost businesses in the heart of Portland due to this drug epidemic.

Our first responders are getting sick, mentally and physically and overwhelmed, from police officers, dispatch to our fire department, it's gotten so bad that people like me are revving people on the street. I have documented that I've shared on my social media, just from being downtown at the right place at somebody else's wrong time.

I hate that I have to walk through fentanyl smokers, I don't go downtown after sunset at all, it feels like a ghost town, the racing cars, no license plates, drug dealers everywhere shootings in the neighborhoods that were once filled with kids, the stories of women being murdered on our streets now,.

I pray that you please repeal measure 110, and re-criminalize hard drugs, there has to be a consequence, obviously, death isn't even a scary consequence for people that is the worst consequence, but people have no resources to even get the help they need right now, why would they? They're not in a position where they have to they can just do what they want freely on our streets, this is not our taxpayer money being handled properly.

Thank you for listening to my testimony and my sobriety recovery testimony.

I believe in the system I believe in y'all, I believe we can do this and save lives, and bring back the old-school weird Portland, that we all know in love.