

Thank you for allowing my testimony on a critical issues with many repercussions. Measure 110 was designed to reduce harm, it was never going to eliminate addiction or mental illness. It's roll out was a typical State of Oregon fiasco, but should eventually get done. Once the new laws are fully functional we should be better off than under the disastrous situation of the war on drugs, or should I say war on addicts, which was what was happening. Have patience and concentrate on the hard work of actually making measure 110 function as designed. We can and should improve on the decriminalization laws, actually treat those with mental illness and make addiction treatment easily and affordably available. Repeal, however would be adding disaster to fiasco. It may, in the end, be necessary to involuntarily commit significant numbers of addicts and mental patients for treatment but that is the last resort, after treatment is quickly and affordably available. We should also lobby other states and the federal government to follow our lead. If the rest of the county would go along we could take the money out of the drug trade and take the mafia and cartels down several notches.

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