

I am submitting my personal testimony in hope that we can repeal measure 110.

My name is Rhonda and I was born and raised in Oregon and have lived here for my 46 years of life. I have seen the metropolitan area decline into this horrific state. Because of drug use and homelessness our communities and streets are not safe for families, children, pets or any upstanding citizen. We need to repeal measure 110 and hold people that are using drugs accountable for the choices they make.

Along with the drug use causing people to get hurt and sometimes dying from these drugs like fentanyl and methamphetamines, the crime rates have increased and there is more human trafficking of children and women in our communities. Our streets are tainted with drug users, drug dealers, prostitution, human trafficking, trash and drug paraphernalia.

My experience is that in this present situation we are all in, we can't go anywhere in this city without encountering people using drugs and stealing from stores or harassing people for money to supply their addiction.

Laws need to be changed to protect our children, elderly, pets and tax payers.

Or we need to get better people in office to help protect our democracy and freedoms.

I recently went through a divorce after my husband of 25 years (29 year relationship) started overdosing on meth and fentanyl. We have three, now adult, children together and the drug crisis tore apart our family. I don't talk to him any more after he overdosed and started hanging out with homeless drug users. Now his children don't talk to him because they are afraid of what he would do for drugs. Maybe hurt them or steal from them to get money for drugs. I am not sure because as I said I don't talk to him but I believe he is now homeless. It is sad that this shit is happening. Drug users don't just stop taking drugs, usually they are caught and put in jail and then get put into rehab.

Measure 110 was a stupid idea put in place to say we are going to help people with addiction without getting them arrested and punished for their crimes. Most of us can see that it has not worked and that addicts don't get into treatment of their own volition.

Repeal measure 110 to stop the decay of the fabric of society.

We need support for our police and first responders so are businesses, communities and people can thrive.

Thank you

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