

To Whom it May Concern:

The passage of measure 110 has severely impacted our state and local communities, to the point the devastation is no longer ignorable or solvable.

The decriminalization of illicit drugs has increased crime significantly in our state, and has led to record overdose deaths. We were in no way prepared for this measure to take place in our state, as we already lacked mental health services and drug treatment centers prior to measure 110 going into effect. And now we are in a position where the damage is too far gone, no matter how many more millions of tax payer dollars are thrown at the problem.

This is now a humanitarian crisis that we have created in our own state. We have individuals who are far beyond rock bottom, who truly need help and sometimes that help comes in the form of facing the consequences of your actions. I know many individuals who have been through recovery, and most of them credit getting sober to being held accountable for their actions during their addiction.

My concern with 110 is voters didn't not really know what they were truly voting for as all the facts were not laid out in front of them. Most voters didn't realize this would tie the hands of local law enforcement and their ability to prosecute individuals for the crimes they're committing. Which has now led to a sense of lawlessness in our communities.

Measure 110 needs to be revamped, if not completely repealed. There is still a way to help individuals with mental health and drug addiction while holding them accountable for their actions.

Sincerely,

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A concerned Oregonian.