

Unfortunately this measure passed on the eve of the fentanyl epidemic that is now ravaging our community. I doubt many of the people who voted for it would have had fentanyl been in the news at the screaming level it now occupies. Possession of this and other lethal drugs needs to be made a misdemeanor crime once again. Fentanyl is fueling Portland's homeless crisis. And people are dying on the streets. But don't just criminalize: incentivize with diversionary programs designed to get drug users off the streets and on a path to recovery. Please take legislative action in February.

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