

Honorable Committee Members,

We urge you to repeal Measure 110, to get deadly drugs out of our communities and out of reach, while mandating detox/ rehab for those consumed by addiction and holding up drug dealers' and their drug "connections" accountable.

Measure 110 was a stark error promoted with unrealistic and ultimately false promises of treatment for those with addiction. As a result our streets, parks, public places and transit system became infested with the pestilence and trauma of drug users, dealers and unmoored individuals in between, mixing self-harm with harm to others. Allowing people to self-poison and display their delusions in the open without care for self or others, without restriction and intervention is destructive to all, not compassionate.

How many letters and testimonies are needed to repel Measure 110, to protect our communities for flourishing with families, services and vital businesses, instead of becoming flooded by transients who abandon their bodies and any hygiene to hazardous needles and narcotics? Does the Committee realize the exodus of taxpayers and business investments that is currently happening in Portland for example, unless we repeal Measure 110? Or maybe we need to remember the ongoing, scathing reports about its consequences coming from as far as our national press?

Finally, for financial clarity --as our elected Oregon officials-- please rise to the challenge of distinguishing between the law abiding, hardworking, contributing communities that need your support compared with these strident, smoke screen voices of activism without a practical, fair, or feasible plan. Why apportion handsome millions in funds to feed an illusion-of-good that Measure 110 ill advised, when funds are desperately needed for other vital services and healthy growth in our towns?

You know what needs to be done. Show your lead voting for a safe, healthy community life in our state. Measure 110 will otherwise persist to exact more lives --lost to overdoses-- and perpetuate high taxing, unsafe, unhealthy public spaces, corrupting the good that many generations sacrificed to build here.

With no hesitation, I urge the Committee to repeal Measure 110.

Sincerely,

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