

Dear Legislators:

Please take action immediately to address the community harm, greatly aggravated by Measure 110. Without a doubt Measure 110 encouraged the dramatic increase in the flow of drug users to Oregon. Along with the open drug use, came more crime and more homeless on our streets.

For over a quarter century I supervised offenders on parole and probation. A monitored court ordered (parole board ordered) drug treatment requirement was the deciding factor in a person obtaining and following through with treatment. Accountability is an important element in long term recovery, and reduction of crime.

I recall when then police chief Penny Harrington eliminated Portland's Police Bureau's drug and vice unit. It wasn't long until drug users across the country made their way to Portland. I subsequently supervised a number of these folks. When asked how they came to Oregon, the response was that one would not get caught without a drug and vice unit.

It was no surprise to me that Measure 110's decriminalizing drugs, but government also providing drug paraphernalia, tents, and drastically defunding police services would lead to an inflow of drug users and an increase in crime.

My family has been in Portland since the early 1900's. Crime and drug use have never been as bad. Do not delay in criminalizing drug use/possession.

Sincerely,

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