

Dear Committee Members,

Measure 110 is a hot mess. It has been and is poorly executed, managed and is extremely destructive to Oregon and Oregonians. It has created a blight on our communities, our services and our safety.

First Responders are spinning their wheels on repeated calls to individuals who need assistance or revival with narcan multiple times in a day. They are burning out at a high rate. This in turn affects the rest of the society.

If we as a whole cannot have first responding teams be available in times of need to other members of society, who are not overdosing but perhaps in a car crash, having a heart attack, or say a shooting as they are off dealing with a person who needs Narcan again, it let's our society slid towards dystopia. It puts drugs and addiction ahead of the rest of society.

Additionally, our communities are more unsafe. With decriminalizing only certain drugs, offenders KNOW there are no consequences. Police barely flinch with open drug use any more. Crime and murder is way up. I do not smoke or indulge in pot, but this a less addictive drug and it carries higher consequences. How? Why? That is backwards. Fentanyl is lethal....even in the SMALLEST amount. Additionally, if someone is carrying substances that are higher than the specified allowed amounts, there have been limited convictions for it. Our judicial system is overloaded (and understaffed) on other things, so cases get cast aside.

The Measure was set up to get people help, correct? How is it that if no one is arrested or convicted? How is it that barely anyone is getting help?? Small fines and a phone number is not help. That is nothing but a bug flying by your face...easily swatted away. \$100 is nothing anymore.

There is a safe rest near my home in North Portland, which is where my parents were raised and I was brought up also. The crime has increased. I used to feel safe walking in my area by myself. I no longer do as I have to walk past people dealing, stealing and laid out on the ground. No one wants to live near tents, camps and random people splayed out on the ground, which is happening outside the camp. I watch dealing happen everyday. No one wants to visit areas where this is either. It is affecting hard working, hard earning taxpayers who own homes property values and small businesses. As a realtor, I am seeing an exodus from Multnomah county to other states or smaller towns/areas around Oregon. Majority has been out of state. Downtown Portland is jeopardy. All the tax incentives for business are great but if you are getting robbed or people do not want to come to your store and support your business, what is the point?

What is the plan to be executed and maintained for continuing measure 110 that is not going to cost taxpayers more money, home values, safety, and love of our great cities and state ? If Portland and Oregon cannot get it together, people will continue to leave. Businesses will continue to shutter and leave. You are witnessing it.

I do not want to see my hometown and state become a poor, sad, lifeless place that takes decades for people and businesses to come back. We are on that track. Oregon is special, measure 110 is ruining it. If you are plan is to continue to capitalize on breaking down society, capitalize on keeping the poor, addicted and uneducated oppressed...when then you are just greedy a-holes. Giving them cartblanche is not helping...it's enabling and getting dealers even richer.

I understand that this is not an easy problem with a simple solution. Have you considered raising the fine to \$5,000 with a 10 step course and successful completion of a course they get a small portion refunded. ie: Attend 10 one hour long family drug counseling sessions in the first 60 days = get \$500 back, complete 60 days of clean UA's = get \$500 back, clean up the cities homeless camp garbage once a week for 12 weeks to name a few = get \$500 back. But if anything/course is missed, the rest of the fine stays as a fine. 2nd - 5th incidents \$10,000 fine...everything else doubles as well.

My point is...Help people TRULY get help...please. Free passes do not help. Consequences and actions/action plans do.

Cheers,



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