

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing you to provide my written testimony to the Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response regarding changes to Measure 110.

Measure 110 is an abject failure. I voted for it and have nothing but regret for that. Measure 110 has only wrought unfathomable destruction to the lives of addicts and the communities that they reside in. I believe that the Oregon legislature needs to make possession of lethal drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth a misdemeanor crime again. They also need to give law enforcement tools to steer addicts toward mandatory treatment and away from jail. We should prioritize diversion programs that put drug users on the path to recovery and a clean criminal record. There should also be an increase in penalties for drug dealing and public drug use. This legislative action needs to be taken as soon as possible as people are dying each day under Measure 110.

Sincerely,
William Harrington