

I will be testifying in person, but just in case I don't get to speak. It's important I have record. Thank you for reading.

My Name is Amy Nichols, I own the Cheerful Tortoise & Cheerful Bullpen. Two small business in the heart of downtown. Establishment that have been a staple in Portland for over 70 years.

Since Measure 110 passed & the state decriminalized hard drugs. My restaurants have been broken into multiple times, vandalized weekly, windows smashed. Drug paraphernalia, human fetuses/urine to clean up regularly. Myself and staff get threaten, we have items thrown at us, spit on. We regularly have to ask groups of campers to not do drugs out side of our front doors. We ask them to move on so we can open for business. Lots of times they wont leave. (Who wants to go to a restaurant with this is right outside)

We had to put locks on our bathroom doors to stop campers from gaining access. They smoke hard drugs and it takes several hours to clear the air, customers leave when this happens, its not safe for my staff to breathe these drugs either. We have had several campers pass out with needles stuck in there arms, its scary to walk into the bathroom and find this.

This is just some of the examples we deal with on a regular basis.

I don't know the exact answer for measure 110 but I do know we need to criminalize hard drugs immediately, prosecute & hold criminals accountable for laws broken. We have to change measure 110 for the safety of all Oregonians.

Please consider making hard drug illegal again. After all you can't smoke cigarettes 25 feet in front of business or windows, you can't consume alcohol in public. You should NOT be able to do hard drugs openly with zero punishment.

Thank you for reading

Amy Nichols

I use the meaning: "campers" instead of homelessness because in downtown PDX we have a huge difference. Worst part is the homeless people who need help are not getting it. When drugs are legal this creates a party and they camp & do drugs together.