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Since the passage of measure 110 I have seen the increase in drug related deaths(including friends of mine, their children); the increase of homelessness and the increase of crime related to the lack of accountability for drugs.

The frustration of police in not being able to do anything, but release those persons with drug issues. The lack of facilities to help those individuals. The increase of drug use by minor children. The lack of responsibility of adults with drug issues to supervise and protect their children.

Growing up in Western Washington, there was a facility called Stellicome. This was a huge facility where persons with drug and mental issues were placed until they could either get better, or move to a more permanent facility and for some this is where they continued to live.

Today these persons are forced to live on the streets and are called 'homeless'. This may not be the correct term for each individual.

The facilities that are no longer used as schools, hospitals or colleges could be a place to house and help these individuals who we have allowed to harm themselves and others in our communities.

Safety for both residents of communities and safety for those who need help is not happening in Oregon.

Unfortunately I see too many 'new programs, employ more administration and new buildings' instead of help directed where it is needed. As a community, county and we state need to figure this out.