

Dear JACSR Committee,

Please repeal measure 110. Decriminalizing drugs in Oregon has proven to be an utter failure, and demonstrates what happens when people struggling with mental illness and addiction are allowed to decide if they want treatment or not.

Our communities have declined as open air drug markets exploded, and the death toll due to drug overdoses has risen to troubling levels. We can't expect people suffering from mental illness and/or addiction to ask for help while they're in the midst of drug use.

Please overturn or repeal measure 110 so our providers and police officers have authority once again to help people who are struggling and won't seek treatment.

Time is running out for Oregon. We need drug use to be criminalized in Oregon or we will see more suffering and death of the most vulnerable.

Please end this humanitarian crisis and provide the resources so people can get effective treatment. Let's not make drug use easier and more accessible, instead let's be the state that holds people accountable for bad decisions and gives them the opportunity and tools to turn their life around.

Thank you,

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