

My name is Brian Martinek, a citizen of Portland, Oregon and the Executive Director of the NWRRC, a Community Corrections, residential re-entry center in NE Portland. I am a retired law enforcement officer and Police Chief. Most importantly, I am the father of four, who lost a son (Taylor) when he tragically died in 2017 from a fake fentanyl pill. Since then I have been coming to the Oregon legislative body warning that if you did not take action, more and more people would die, become addicted and have their lives ruined because of illegal drug dealing and use.

Of course, the reason we are here today, is that since Taylor's death, no real action happened and measure 110 passed. The results were not only tragic but also predictable, preventable and inevitable.

I am once again requesting that you take urgent action and make significantly meaningful changes to BM 110 during the upcoming legislative session. Of course, this law did not create Oregon's problems with lethal drugs, homelessness, behavioral health, and public safety, but the effects of BM 110 are making each of these problems significantly worse.

I specifically, urge members of the Oregon legislature to provide legislative fixes that:

- Maintain and improve oversight of cannabis taxes and dedicated funding for expanded prevention, treatment and recovery.
- Prohibit the use of hard drugs in public places.
- Provide law enforcement the tools and authority to steer more people into drug treatment and to limit public use of drugs
- Prioritize diversion, treatment, and recovery over prosecution and jail. Save lives through successful diversion into effective treatment.

- Make possession of lethal drugs a crime again. Restore misdemeanor penalties for possession of hard drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth. Doing so will re-introduce the missing consequences and accountability needed to incentivize addicted individuals to seek and accept drug treatment.
- Expand penalties for drug dealing. Stop protecting those who cause death, feed addiction and prey upon our vulnerable populations for their own personal profit.
- Enact laws that support victims and their families, apply consequences and do it to deter future such behaviors.

I strongly urge you to do your primary job, which is to protect the citizens of Oregon, your constituents. Do not continue the Ostrich, head in the sand approach. The Problem will not go away without decisive and deliberate action. You have that opportunity in the upcoming February legislative session – BM 110 is doing more harm than good.