

Measure 110 is, as expected, an abject failure and is destroying our city. I have worked in addiction, mental health and law enforcement for over 35 years and measure 110 is not an approach that will produce any positive outcomes. Anyone who understands the neurochemistry of addiction understands that the brain gets hi-jacked when in active addiction and expecting someone in that state to make rational decisions is misguided, irresponsible, dangerous and harmful to the individual and the community. What is needed are common sense laws that target dangerous drug possession and/or sales as the public health hazard they are. By dangerous drugs I am referring to methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and fentanyl. It should be illegal to possess or sell these drugs and should be addressed with mandatory treatment and jail when needed. In fact, why not offer mandatory treatment in jail? Without an active and immediate response to this scourge on our community we will lose the Portland many of us used to love.

Please repeal measure 110.

Thank you,
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