

This legislature needs to act with urgency to address the harm caused by Measure 110. Incremental changes or simply staying the course is not an option. Thousands are dying in Oregon because of M110. The evidence can not be denied. Simply look at Oregon's increase in drug use and overdose rates compared to the rest of the country. What changed in Oregon? Decriminalization of hard drugs. It is time to recriminalize the use of hard drugs and increase penalties for distribution. We need to end open use on our streets. Portland has become a destination for drug users and dealers from around the country and the world. We need to end the incentive for people to use and distribute the drug in our state. We are not equipped to handle the influx and the increase of drug users. Take action and please stop listening to a small set of advocates that are experimenting on our citizens. It is cruel to drug users, and it is cruel to our community. If this legislature does not take significant action, citizens will do it for you by introducing and voting on the complete repeal of M110 via a ballot measure.

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