

I am writing today to ask that BM 110 be completely repealed. I do not have confidence in state and local governments to develop strategies to properly implement the touted recovery programs, nor do I believe that recovery will be a voluntary choice for a significant population of addicts, especially those addicted to fentanyl. So much of this ballot measure was based on assumptions and idealistic hopes. Now, years after the passage and after hundreds of overdose deaths, increasing drug-related crime and violence, and ineffective resource allocation, proponents are doing their research by flying to Portugal.

I am a Portland resident who moved out of Multnomah County in part because of the drug paraphernalia I routinely encountered on walks with my children through our local park. There, in the tents lining the soccer field, campers would smoke and shoot up. The playground was surrounded by what was then illegal drug use. Unfortunately, our new home is close to a fentanyl dealer who actually dumped a dangerous quantity of the drug over a neighbor's fence into their backyard, imperiling their 3-year-old daughter. The hazards the public faces as a result of this idealistic legislative malfunction are NOT theoretical. I simply cannot fathom a politician deciding that sanctioning this activity is the right way forward.

I am a lifelong Oregonian democrat. I will not vote for any politician who supports this measure, even if that means abstaining from voting, and I will give no money to the Democratic party as long as this measure is in place. This measure has made my city and state a more dangerous place for my family, and I feel that residents will be suffering from the aftereffects of this measure for decades to come.

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