

When I voted for Measure 110 I thought it sounded like a realistic, sensible approach to the “drug problem”, especially considering that nothing else was really working. What I, and many others, failed to realize was that only parts of the measure would be put in place. Had I known that treatment beds were not available to addicts and that neither were counselors (thus leaving them to continue to use drugs openly anywhere they pleased), I would not have voted for the measure. Of course the measure is not working. The state was not and still is not capable of performing all aspects of the measure. Taking years to slowly institute the measure has meant that Oregon citizens are less safe and in Portland our city has been ravaged by addicts and their behavior, their trash and their bodily waste. I feel now that addicts have more rights than the rest of us. It is time to criminalize the use of illegal drugs and get them off our streets.

Sincerely,

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