

Dear Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response,

I'm writing to you today in support of Measure 110, because we know that the recriminalization of drug use will only exacerbate our drug crisis. We all heard in Monday's hearing that our communities need real solutions, real safety, and real healing when it comes to addressing the overdose and addiction crisis.

Our criminal legal system is overburdened. We cannot put more work on public defenders. We cannot give people the "choice" to get treatment when no treatment is available. We need to use measure 110 funds to provide the services people need. We need to give measure 110 the chance to work. This problem didn't happen overnight and it won't be solved overnight.

Throwing people in jail just makes their lives worse and doesn't solve the problem. Don't try to hide the problem. Fix the problem with measure 110 funds. Provide services that these unfortunate people need: medical care, mental health counseling, drug addiction counseling, housing, etc.

I urge you to reject calls to return to the failed War on Drugs that stole the futures of so many Black and Brown Oregonians. We have the opportunity to do better and we must do better. We cannot wait.

Sincerely,

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