

I am writing to urge the Legislature to repeal Measure 110 and allow law enforcement to regulate rampant crime in downtown Portland. I've worked downtown for 20 years and there is no question crime has ramped up since Measure 110 passed. The city is a mess, families are scared to come downtown and businesses are leaving en masse.

Measure 110 is ineffective. Individuals are moving here to use drugs and have no interest in rehabilitation services and no motivation to give up drugs. They resort to petty crime to fund their habit. My car was stolen this year and nearly everyone I know has had a car broken into or items stolen.

Measure 110 assumed people who do drugs want to change and just need money and an opportunity to do so. That may be. But law enforcement needs a stick in the event the carrot approach fails, as it has with Measure 110. It's not one or the other. We can offer rehabilitation and criminalize hard drugs.

I've traveled the country and no city is a mess like ours. We need to admit this was a massive mistake.

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