

Co-Chairs Lieber and Kropf, and Members of the Joint Interim Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response,

Monday's hearing confirmed that Measure 110 has FAILED!!! Our communities need real solutions, real safety, and real healing when it comes to addressing the overdose and addiction crisis and a total revamp of the FAILED Measure 110 and some forms of penalties to those who mis-use drugs.

I am submitting a public comment to show support for putting penalties back in place in Oregon. Those who advocate for a continuation of the status quo, such as "Oregon Health Justice Recovery Alliance" are people who are using M110 simply to fund themselves and put money in their own pockets. Please don't listen to them, or at the least do research on who runs these programs and you will find that many have been criminals in the past that is simply using the state now for their own gains.

The situation is urgent and we need action. While M110 was a noble idea, it has failed, miserably, for there are no repercussions for those caught with drugs, they are simply turned loose as long as they say they will make a phone call, which most do not. We need effective solutions that both treat those who abuse drugs and bring repercussions and penalties to those who refuse to follow through with treatment.

I'm submitting a public comment because I believe our leaders need to do more - and fast - to address the addiction crisis across our state.

We need:

- Treatment services of all kinds
- More peer supports
- Street outreach and non-police emergency response to get people connected to care
- Recriminalizing addiction so there is at least some form of repercussion, without it, the problem will continue to grow

Recriminalization is controversial and divisive proposals but are the answers to the problem that decriminalization has caused.

Our communities are counting on you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,
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