

Oregon legislature:

We are homeowners in NE Portland. We have ample family experience with addiction which runs counter to the narrative you heard from Measure 110 advocates:

Unlike the apologists for 110, we know firsthand that an addict only wants their drug, not "help". Street response units waste their time offering treatment to addicts. The one or two "success" cases they produce don't even amount to 1% of their street "contacts".

We are extremely suspicious of homeless advocates whose livelihoods are taxpayer funded. They usually have no serious credential in healthcare or social care, and they have no economic incentive to solve anyone's addiction crisis. Their statistics are almost certainly bogus. As a mixed race family, we personally also find their waiving of the "unfair to BIPOC" argument offensive as well. Their ineffectiveness is only prolonging suffering, destroying our public spaces and tax base.

Mayor Wheeler is offering a minimal solution -- making it a crime again to openly use hard drugs. No doubt he wants to avoid more near-riots during council meetings by the "advocates". Better still would be recriminalization to some degree combined with drug courts before jail time.

(And for God's sake somehow force Multnomah County Commissioners to do their job. They make the homeless "advocates" look effective in comparison.)

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