

To Whom It May Concern:

I read in a "People For Portland" email that at a recent hearing re: Measure 110, "the invited testimony was stacked in favor of BM 110 apologists."

Permit me to add my name to the list of those who are not apologists for said ballot measure. It unfortunately fits with the narrative that "some things are just too hard to stop (or accomplish) so let's just loosen the requirements."

Has loosening requirements ever really helped anybody get where they need to go? Those who succeed do so because they decide to overcome. It works that way in most areas of life, including drugs. It doesn't ruin people's lives to be punished for drug use. In fact, it often helps. I think of the story of David Crosby, late of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. I read his memoir and it's clear that going to jail for violating drug laws saved his life. Not only that, it helped him become a productive artist again.

Anyway, I just wanted to let you know what a regular person thinks. To virtually legalize hard drugs is one of the dumber things our state has done in recent years. Please, strike a blow for intelligence!

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