

I used to think that our nation's drug laws made no sense, and I was for the legalization of most drugs.

In fact, I turned away from a career in law enforcement when I was younger as I could not see myself enforcing laws that I did not agree with.

I supported Measure 110.

Now, I see the error of my ways.

The quality of life in Portland has decreased significantly in the last 3 years, largely due to the effects of Measure 110. In our neighborhood, which used to be nice, it is no longer safe to walk our dogs after dark due to open drug use and the potential for violent criminal behavior that comes with it.

We pick up trash once a week in our neighborhood as part of Adopt One Block (we're over-achievers, we adopted 2 blocks...) and routinely find drug paraphernalia and human feces. Disgusting. On our block. In a neighborhood that used to be nice.

Businesses are closing, downtown Portland is dying, fewer people are moving to Portland, and this trend will likely continue unless something is done to fix Measure 110.

Thank you for your time.

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