

I am writing to express my opinion that measure 110 should be overturned. Since the measure passed, drug use in Portland has increased dramatically. I used to spend much of my free time downtown, but no longer feel safe walking around due to the high rate of public drug use. Downtown used to be a beautiful place to walk and shop, but now there is human urine, feces, and passed out drug users littering the sidewalks. Also, it is impossible to walk anywhere without being accosted for handouts or yelled at by people high on drugs. I drove into downtown about one year ago to take my son to a medical appointment. There was a man unconscious on the sidewalk right next to where I parked my car. After the appointment the man was still lying there passed out. I could see that he was breathing so I knew he was alive.

Portland used to be vibrant and fun but now it has become a laughing stock. My brother-in-law has a family owned business downtown, but clientele has diminished because of the rampant drug users living on the sidewalks. Please use common sense and criminalize public drug use.

Thank you,  
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