

I am writing in support of expanding treatment services in Oregon — NOT expanding criminalization.

Early results show that Measure 110 is working. In October reporting in Street Roots, journalist Jeremiah Hayden describes early successes, including the Oregon Change Clinic. He also reports that since Measure 110 was implemented, “the disproportionately high rate of Black Oregonians arrested for drug possession decreased by 77%.”

The combined increase in treatment options and decrease in racist policing are what we need to build a more just, healthy community.

People facing addiction are facing a chronic, sometimes lifelong, disease. Recovery will not happen overnight — especially when we do not yet have the treatment systems in place to protect them.

However, funneling people into the life-ruining carceral system is NOT the solution that Oregonians want, as evidenced by the broad popularity of Eugene’s CAHOOTS program and Portland Street Response. We want humane, lasting solutions for our neighbors.

I urge you to listen to the addiction experts and people with lived experience. Invest in expanded treatment — NOT incarceration.

Sincerely,  
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