

The people of Oregon have already spoken when it comes to criminalizing our way out of the addiction crisis. Measure 110 dollars are finally reaching the communities that need them the most, and we must continue to grow addiction recovery services so that all those seeking help can get the support they need. This new Measure 110 approach has the potential to make a lasting impact on the persistent problems of homelessness, addiction, and mental illness. The war on drugs has made these problems worse, and a return to those failed policies will make our current situation worse still.

Listen to the experts and providers working in the recovery field on the front line every day. The way forward is to deepen our commitment to treatment services to ensure everyone who seeks addiction recovery services can receive them quickly, easily, and in a way that meets their unique needs — especially the Black, Latinx, Indigenous, tribal, Native and other communities of color disproportionately affected by the war on drugs.

Thank you for your work on this important issue and your thoughtful approach to addressing the addiction crisis in our state.

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