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People come out of prison extremely vulnerable to overdose because they no longer know what's out there or the effect it will have on them. Putting addicts in prison only postpones the problem, it doesn't solve anything. We need substantial treatment options.

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A member of my family made a fateful choice under the influence of multiple addictions. After six years behind bars, with no treatment, he emerged determined to turn around his life. Unlike far too many former adults in custody, especially people of color, he had the resources and family support vital for getting effective treatment on the outside. Today he's a contributor to his community and a counselor to others struggling with addictions.

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our drug problems are not unique to Oregon. they aren't caused by measure 110. these problems are happening everywhere around the country, even places with tougher laws. We need to continue on the road to compassion and use effective, proven techniques for helping people get off drugs and into services. We need to provide housing, mental health care, drug treatment etc, not jail. Locking people up does not heal them or our society. Preserve measure 110.

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I worked for 13 years at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton and saw first hand how important it is to find other ways to help people besides incarceration. I taught English as a Second Language to men from Mexico and some expressed to me that they felt targeted because of their heritage.

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