

Good morning,

Ballot Measure 110 is bad for Oregon and needs to be repealed. The proof that it is a failed experiment is evident just by walking down what used to be the safe streets of any large city in the Willamette Valley. I live in Salem, which has a thriving homeless population that is growing because of easy access to decriminalized, harmful drugs. The degradation of the beauty and safety of our towns can be quantified by:

1. The rising numbers of homeless people in the last 4 years.
2. The increased number of unsafe streets due to the drugged people who occupy them.
3. The increase in the amount of people who have overdosed on drugs which should be illegal but are not due to this awful bill.
4. The increase in the number of teens who now have access to these drugs. Teens who turn to these drugs and end up on the streets, who end up committing crimes, who end up overdosing on LEGAL harmful drugs (shame on you lawmakers who caused this to happen).
5. The increase in drug-related crimes.
6. The failure to help anybody with drug treatment, proven by data. Hard numbers.
7. Just search the phrase, "Portland homeless and drug epidemic" on Youtube. Several videos uploaded in recent months showcasing scenes of people doing hard drugs in public, sleeping on curbs, walking our streets like zombies, dying of overdose. Awful, shameful, depressing, embarrassing.
8. Oregon's reputation is known nationally as the place to get free drugs. People come here solely for drugs. Oregon = Drugs. Terrible.

Don't modify the law to "give law enforcement the tools to steer more people into treatment and make drug treatment and recovery a mandatory vs. voluntary alternative to jail". Repeal the law. Drug treatment isn't working now and it won't work in the future. Make it illegal to buy, sell, use, and possess these drugs with threat of prison time. Remove access to the drugs and the problems will begin to shrink.

And while we're at it, let's start calling fentanyl "Kate Brown" since she's the one who's to blame for this problem.

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