

Dear Representative Dexter ,

I am writing as a resident of Downtown Portland, deeply concerned about the consequences of Measure 110. Though initiated with positive intentions, this measure has resulted in significant adverse effects on our community, demanding urgent action.

The implementation of Measure 110 needs to be revised. Critical funding for necessary treatment services has been mismanaged, leading to significant delays and leaving those in dire need without support.

Beyond administrative failures, the measure has exacerbated issues of drug use, homelessness, and public safety in Portland. The lack of criminal penalties for drug possession, combined with inadequate treatment infrastructure, has led to a visible increase in open drug use and associated societal challenges. In our city, it's common to witness individuals using drugs unabashedly in public spaces, including sidewalks and parks, often in plain sight. This behavior extends to severe public health concerns, with instances of drug users relieving themselves on our streets, profoundly impacting the livability and sanitation of our community.

As a daily witness to these deteriorating conditions, I urge you to take immediate action. We need a comprehensive and effective approach to address drug addiction, one that includes accountability, proper funding management, and robust treatment options. The current trajectory under Measure 110 is unsustainable and harmful to the fabric of our community.

I implore you to support the repeal of Measure 110 and work towards implementing a more balanced and effective strategy to combat drug addiction and its associated societal impacts.

Thank you for considering this urgent plea.

Sincerely,

Danielle Phillips