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I am a chronic pain patient who moved to Portland in 2003. As much as I love my home and my community, I deeply regret my decision to move here and my husband and I have had regular conversations about how to financially detangle ourselves from Oregon and move from the state. The medical care I have received here is substandard. Most of the specialists for my painful chronic conditions are on the east coast. I've had good doctors stop their practices and move out of state. This measure adds to the burdens your force chronic pain patients and good care providers to carry in order to make life manageable and functional. These measures are used to put pressure of clinicians to remove working, necessary medications from their patients' treatment plans, and are not shown to reduce addiction. Instead of lowering the standards of medical care in our state, you should be working on more targeted, supportive approaches to treat addiction and support those in recovery against recidivism. All you are doing is surreptitiously, bureucratically torturing chronic pain patients.