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It is time we made drugs illegal again in Oregon. This state has become unrecognizable ! We have had numerous friends/ coworkers from Georgia, Ohio, Illinois, Arkansas , Nevada to name a few in the last 24 months come to visit us and they are appalled at the state of our streets ! All of them, there is no way in Hell you can expect ODOT to keep up with this demand, knowing they lost 30% of their workforce during Covid (and it takes you 6 months to hire a replacement ...) this is out of hand. My 16 year old daughter is downtown 4 nights a week for dance practice and I have to take her, because the Alley where her studio is is full of prostitution, drug deal, drug over doses, theft and crime. A few months ago a man wacked out on drugs stood at the window and watched them dance and then started stabbing the window with a knife, he had to be removed by the cops. The parking garage where we park is filthy and 90% of the time some one has taken a shit in the stairwell. We walk over needles, and passed out individuals DAILY. I ask every single one, "hey man where ya from"....none are from Eugene or locals. The are here for the drugs and free camping and all the FREE services we provide. The phones, the food, the tents, the medical. PERIOD.

You need to close it down, the camping and the drugs, quite making it so appealing for them to move and then STAY in Oregon. I am a compassionate person and understand addiction and mental illness, but you can't even help our own residents why are we encouraging others to come here? Stop the madness.