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I am writing as a resident of Multnomah County and a professional in the addiction field for over 10 years. We know that what we are currently doing is not meeting the needs of recovering people or those still struggling with addiction. We need a clear and consistent approach to addressing the social issues of which addiction is a symptom in order to have an effective approach addressing this concern. We have learned from Portugal's changes but we are lacking key components, including the supportive services beyond medication supported treatment and counseling, that made that approach a success.