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The study has already been done on the drug crisis in Oregon, it is a real time study that has cost lives. The damage is being done daily to Oregonians and the longer you wait to take action, the worse it's going to get. When people turn to drugs as a solution in their life they have hit rock bottom. It shows love and compassion to have a consequence for these people that does not result in their death. We all need to be held responsible for our actions and pay a penalty for our mistakes. That's what living is and that is how we grow. Love is not just tolerance, it is discipline too! They will thank us when they get clean, but how can they thank us when they're no longer living? I think we all have our drug stories now, but I would like to share one. There was a young woman, who was pretty close to naked, snorting a line on top of a run down car one block away from my home in rural Oregon. My children asked me what she was doing and if we could call the police to help her. Sadly, I had to tell them that the police couldn't do anything anymore. It is long past due to make a change.