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Thanks all for your time. I am here to speak a measure 110. I have been hearing what the talk has been going on as to going back to the days of the drug zone that we had in the 90's in Portland, OR. I do work in downtown Portland and see up close what is really goes on day to day with the drug crisis. What need to happen is change of the policies that has been set in place to have measure 110 fall from the start. If we as a community who wants to solve the "WAR ON DRUGS" I mean the Drug Crisis. We have to put the right people in place to help the people who wants the help our keeping them on the outside looking in. What is being said is putting a small band aid on a wound that it 100 feet wide. Locking people up will not solve anything but cause more harm that has all ready been done and is still going on to this day. I have work as a recruiter helping people who have over come harm that has been done in there life. Seeing people that can do the job has been stop from doing the job because of the policies change the policies so measure 110 can do what it is to do help the people who wants the help. Thank you I am Patrick Alexander