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The drug war has been a complete failure and has only led to the incarceration of people who have done no harm to anyone but themselves. Oregonians overwhelmingly voted for M110 because we do not view drug users or drug use as inherently dangerous. While overdoses have increased in recent years, it is clear from the data that there is no correlation between M110 and the current epidemic caused by the spread of fentanyl combined with a lack of housing and opportunity. I implore you not to usurp the will of the voters by overturning a law that, frankly, some of us do not believe went far enough to end the inhumane prohibition on drugs. Please don't let emotions and hyperbole change the course of progress we have made towards ending a drug war that has accomplished nothing but ruining the lives of addicted folks, as well as the lives of recreational users. Invest in social services, housing and addiction treatment centers instead as we do not have enough of those services. Thank you