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I am a resident living along 16th ave nw. Open drug use is rampant in and around the tents that move from 16th ave nw to 15th ave nw to 14th ave nw, and this is just what I see on a daily basis.

I'm looking out my window this very moment watching fentanyl being sold and smoked. How do I know? Glass pipe, small bit of tin foil, and close enough and publicly used to be recognizable!

Shopping plazas out of tents are set up to sell and smoke fentanyl. Everyone looks the other way. This is right outside my home.

Garbage piles, feces, violence, and mental illness are the accompanying "benefits" of allowing controlled substances including and especially fentanyl to be treated as a free for all on our streets, parks, plazas, public living spaces.

Metropolitan Learning Center has to check Couch park for users, drug paraphenalia, etc. before allowing thier students access during recess.

Cathedral School - another elementary school - chases fentanyl users from thier front steps! Can you imagine sending you children here?

Camping and accompanying drug use are right across the street from Cathedral School.

Portland's 110 is NOT working as promised. I am DONE being both the guinea pig and the clean up crew.

Public possession and use should be illegal with strict penalties of time served followed by rehabilitation.

If penalties are not still -1 year minimum jail time- there is NO deterrent. This is an addiction issue. The addict will NOT voluntarily enter treatment. The drug is too strong, too cheap, too abundant.

Portland policy makers- do the right thing! How many more residents and businesses leaving Portland will it take for you to snap out of this daydream?