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I live in downtown Portland, across from the Art Museum. Since measure 110 was passed, I have seen my street turn into a haven for drug dealers and fentanyl addicts. Open sale and use are rampant and so is theft and vandalism as well as assault. That's right, in broad daylight, a volunteer with the Portland Art Museum was assaulted, punched and hospitalized by a fentanyl drugged out individual. I watch the addicts as they assemble on the corner of SW 10th and SW Jefferson as they await delivery of their fix from the dealer. Afterward, they can be seen in the proverbial zombie position, sleeping on the sidewalk, agitated and aggressive, stealing at Safeway and defecating on the sidewalk. A preschool is located just down the street and these kids get to wade through urine soaked sidewalks on their way to the park. All of this is a direct result of the legalization of drugs on the streets of Portland. Those of us who are clean, sober, law abiding and productive citizens deserve better. If Portland is ever to rebound, we need to recriminalize the open use of drugs on the streets of Portland.