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Measure 110, while well intentioned, has been a colossal failure. We have people overdosing and dying on the streets. I regularly walk in downtown Portland and surrounding neighborhoods and routinely encounter drug addicts passed out, defecating, urinating, taking drugs, and leaving trash and drug paraphernalia. I am not kidding or exaggerating. Legal and open drug use is not good for drug addicts. And it's not good for our neighborhoods, residents, and city. If we want a thriving city/state for ALL you must get drug users off the streets. The only way to do that is to criminalize drug use with lots of off ramps for treatment. PLEASE do the right thing for everyone and fix the horrible mess Measure 110 has created.