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Drug addicts need to be forcibly separated from the source and effect of the drugs long enough to clear their system and make it possible to view their situation with a healthier mindset. It is unreasonable to ignore the appeal of drug use and expect that just making addiction services available as an option is ever going to work in the drug addicted population. While not perfect, a system of criminalizing hard drug sale, use and possession is the least draconian method to break the cycle of drug use and allow addicts a space to reflect, with a clear mind, on their life choices.

No reasonable person could claim that Measure 110 has done anything to improve the problems that drug addicts have imposed on our community. To the contrary, Measure 110 has been the major cause of the decline in the quality of life in Oregon due to the influx of drug users from other states seeking a permissive attitude towards hard drug usage.

Please do your job as an elected representative and make the hard choice to tell voters that they made a series mistake in the passage of Measure 110. While I believe that voters were well intentioned when they passed Measure 110 by a slim margin, they obviously had little first hand experience in dealing with hard drug addicts who will do anything to gain access to their drugs. Help these people by making hard drugs illegal again and the diversion into treatment or incarceration mandatory.

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