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On Behalf Of:

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Hello All,

I support making the possession and use of drugs a crime with the maximum penalty applied if mandatory treatment is not successfully complied with and completed. For too long, there has been rampant drug activity on the streets in Portland and other communities which has stolen the use of public facilities from residents and taxpayers, children, and visitors in favor of allowing chaos, death, filth, and destruction by individuals who are addicts. Yes, they are sick and/or mentally ill, but they cannot be allowed to destroy our community while making poor personal decisions. Our state cannot wait for these people to come to their senses and engage in treatment, they need mandatory supervision to complete this task and penalties for noncompliance. People want to enjoy the privileges of what Oregon has to offer, but the drug users do not seem to want to accept the responsibility of being a good citizen and neighbor. I support the government and police getting tough to protect the hardworking citizens of Oregon and their families from drug activity which does so much harm. Just consider how some families lose the enjoyment and value of their homes due to drug activity taking place next door in "homeless" camps. Just consider how the businesses in our communities lose their customers because everyone is afraid to go downtown. Measure 110 has made Oregon a magnet for trouble and ne're-do-wells. Change the course now and protect Oregonians - get your focus on protecting our tax payers, their families, and the businesses that make Oregon successful!

Thank you,

Mary Taylor