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I've worked in downtown Portland for the last 16 years. I come downtown every day and spend my whole day there. Since measure 110 was passed, it's been an absolute nightmare and embarrassment to work downtown. I literally witness people smoke fentanyl or meth every single day and tweaking out on sidewalks. It's somewhat apocalyptic. And it's completely inhumane. These people don't have the power to handle their drug addiction on their own. Handing them a \$100 fine is like mocking them and mocking every citizen in the city. I recently spent the weekend in Austin, TX with family and I saw a lot of people and not a single one of them was doing drugs. I had forgotten what it was like to live in a city where drug abuse wasn't on almost every corner. My family was shocked when I described what Portland was like and they were shocked that this was allowed. PLEASE reform this bill (110). I am in support of HB 4002.