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I spoke to you a couple of weeks ago and fought to hold back tears as I shared a Law Officers perspective of response to a teenager's overdose at the hands of Fentanyl and moreover, the criminal who sold it to him. I submitted the text of what was supposed to be that entire speech - though obviously I cut it a bit short.

I can't cut this short though. We are in an absolute crisis in this country and perhaps more so in Oregon than anywhere. Measure 110 has been an absolute disaster as it relates to keeping street drug at bay and in check. We were already behind the curve but now its not even measurable.

I listened in shock at that hearing to testimony from lawyers and other advocates - people whom I'd think were of a certain intellect - who told us how 4002 and the related bills would just allow cops to get into the cars of people of color and other nonsensical jibberish. I cannot believe that in the day and age people are still capable of such thought. Not only that, they can offer it as testimony when its clearly based on prejudiced perceptions and predisposed falsehoods.

The death toll should tell you the truth. Cops working the cases can provide all the proof you need. Law Enforcement isn't out to get anybody. We are out to save lives, to protect people from themselves and others, and to try to hold back the diabolical wolfpacks that are drug dealing cartels and foreign entities funding these multi-billion dollar illegitimate trades. We can't accomplish any of that without your help!