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Measure: HB4002

Measure 110 is destroying our beloved Portland.

It is giving drug addicts and drug dealers free access to every part of our community. And says, "Come here. You can buy, sell & use drugs wherever you want with no consequences."

Hard working, law abiding citizens pay huge property taxes and who benefits? People who are not working & not looking for work. People who refuse drug treatment. People who destroy property, set cars on fire, send firefighters to put out blazes under our bridges and in vacant buildings. People who steal cars and packages from porches to feed their drug habits. People who spray graffiti on buildings and road signs and safety barriers & walls along the freeways. People who shoot, stab and kill people. For what? Drugs? Money for drugs? People who are not contributing to the life, health, well-being, vitality and future of Portland. Instead, they are willfully and often gleefully contributing to the demise of Portland.

What about the rest of us who work hard and pay taxes? Who want to frequent downtown, support the arts, restaurants, other businesses? Who want to invite family & friends to visit Portland, but who do not? We are heartbroken, mad, embarrassed, frustrated and fed-up. I support HB 4002. It's a START to help Portland get back on its feet.