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Measure 110 was a courageous step into addressing Oregon's crises associated with addiction and mental health. Measure 110 didn't create a problem that was not existent before but instead shined a spotlight on addiction and brought it out of the shadows. Measure 110 forced us to confront addiction and the mental health crisis because we no longer could ignore it. It was a step in the right direction and we need more than ever to double down on our compassion for our fellow Oregonians and get them the care they need. This care will not be delivered in a prison. Sending those experiencing addiction and mental health issues do not belong in jail. Drug addiction is a disease of despair. People that have their needs provided for are far less likely to turn to drugs. We need to find a different way forward and add measures for continued care instead of doing away with Measure 110.