

Dear Chair Prozanski and the members of Senate committee on judiciary and ballot measure 110 implementation, I am Michael Fredenburg and a resident of Jackson County and Medford OR and a constituent of such. I am a volunteer for the TYT Army and the Captain for the developing Oregon chapter. I was born here in Southern Oregon and raised here most of my life living in Oregon my whole life. I am in support of senate bill 755

I want to speak to the issue and the imperativeness for implementing measure 110 for our community. To really speak to this issue fully we must understand intersectionality. The homeless population in this state and this county is higher than I have ever seen it. The reasons for this are the housing crisis, cost of living, and a lack of living wage, not to mention health care and coverage. Profit over People. All these factors are significantly impacting indigenous, black, brown, and poor people more. As Systemic and institutional racism are alive and thriving here today. We need a system that focuses on solution restorative justice and recovery not persecution, punitive justice, or delay. People are struggling right now. People are suffering right now. People are desperate right now!

I find it hard to speak to my own personal experience of loss and suffering from addiction and its effect on my own circle, on my own loved ones. It is in my family and our community. My sister in Portland who is homeless and has been battling her addiction for a decade. The struggles She has shared with me which I imagine are not all of them rocked me to my core and broke my heart, not because my view or my love for my sister changed. Because the systems have failed us, failed Her. Samantha. Some years ago, my sister allegedly fell (pushed off) a three-story balcony and miraculously survived. I will never know the full story and it does not matter. This is the very result of a system not based in restorative justice, rehabilitation, and recovery. My partner and fiancé who I met in prison from mistakes I had made, was released after 20 plus years' incarceration sadly he recidivated and was killed by the police in Klamath Falls on his Mother birthday not two full years after release. Again, another example of how our system fails us to not only to not only support the community but to serve justice in a moral way. Yes, he had fell back to selling but should it have cost him his life?! Phillip. Ask his Mother. Ask his Father who now lost two sons to tragedy. Ask any of his friends. Ask Me, NO of course not! I have a friend I also met in prison. Now is homeless here in the rogue valley. We have had many conversations about him wanting to get clean him wanting to just have a life have his life back with all of the issues he faces with everything he faces at his intersection of issues and challenges and struggles with homelessness joblessness therefore an inability to seek adequate recovery. He is why we need this measure 110 implemented now. Because it is not just my story it is not just their stories it is our story it is our community, we are all affected, and we all need the right change.

The immediate implementation and fully funding of this act is a necessary opportunity to greatly benefit us constituents and our community's well-being and livelihoods thank you for your time

Respectfully,

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