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Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Tina Kotek
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Dear Governor Kotek,

Senate Republicans are asking you to declare a state of emergency on Measure 110. We also join Representative Reschke and Senator Brock Smith in asking you to convene a special session to immediately address Oregon’s drug addiction crisis. On average, 3 Oregonians die each day from an unintended drug overdose. Senate Republicans are committed to fixing this now, not in 3 months.

Since the implementation of Measure 110, all drug overdoses rose 61%¹ and fentanyl overdoses rose nearly 600%². Today, police say pills laced with fentanyl can be purchased for as little as 80 cents each – making it both inexpensive and convenient for users. These “chemical bullets” are taking mass casualties on our streets, and we must do something about it.

Oregon voters feel that Measure 110 has made addiction, homelessness, and crime worse³. Last session, Republicans brought forward several bills that would have helped alleviate these crises, yet Democrat leaders repeatedly lacked the insight and urgency to act. Oregonians want implemented solutions, not ‘too little, too late’ discussions in an interim committee.

Families deserve to feel safe in their communities and every Oregonian deserves to live a life free of addiction. We cannot wait until the short session to finally do something about Measure 110 – people are dying on our streets every single day. As Governor, you have the power to help us solve this crisis. Senate Republicans implore you to act today.

Respectfully,

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

² <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/42510>

³ https://www.dhmresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/DHM-Panel-Oregon_Measure110_May-2023.pdf



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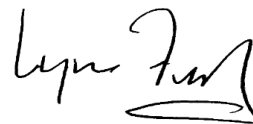
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