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**Buyer's Remorse: Senate Republicans Urge Legislature to Refer
Measure 110 Back to Voters to Decide**

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon's drug decriminalization experiment known as Ballot Measure 110 (2020) has failed to address our state's drug addiction crisis. Since its implementation, we have seen overdoses skyrocket and deadly drug use soar. Meanwhile, law enforcement has felt alienated, and addicts haven't sought the treatment they desperately need.

"Oregonians have spoken clearly. They don't feel they were told the whole truth about Measure 110. Now it is the Legislature's job to hear voters and respond to their concerns," **said Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend)**. "Communities across Oregon feel the drug addiction crisis worsening. We need a solution, and we need it now. The Senate Republican Caucus will ask the newly formed Joint Addiction and Community Safety Response Committee to consider a bill referring Measure 110 back to Oregon voters."

Announced today, Democrat leaders have created a Joint Interim Committee on Addiction & Community Safety. Senator Tim Knopp will represent the voice of Senate Republicans on the committee.

Recent [polling](#) tells us that:

- **63% of voters** would support bringing back criminal penalties for the possession of hard drugs.
- **65% of voters** felt that Measure 110 has made addiction and overdoses in the State of Oregon worse.
- **63% of voters** felt that Measure 110 has worsened the homelessness crisis.

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