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Representative Salinas, Chair
House Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street NE, HR E
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Salinas and Members of the Committee,

The City of Portland supports SB 910-A to increase access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) and access to naloxone kits. The City supports efforts to expand community-based services and resources, particularly those that create a pathway out of the criminal justice system for people experiencing challenges with mental health and addiction.

Issues related to addiction have cross-cutting impacts on housing and homelessness, public safety, and other City services. To address the crisis, the City works in partnership with other jurisdictions who provide public health support and services for individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues.

SB 910-A will allow more jails and residential treatment facilities to provide MAT and increase access to naloxone by allowing for more than one naloxone kit to be distributed at a time to social service providers, among other provisions. These changes will increase access to important recovery and life-saving tools.

The City of Portland respectfully urges your support for SB 910-A. Portland and other cities are on the front lines dealing with the impact of the crisis of addiction and we're committed to working with you to expand access to treatment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler
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