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To: Rep. Mitch Greenlick, Chair  
Rep. Cedric Hayden, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Tiffany Mitchell, Vice-Chair  
CC: Members of the House Behavioral Health Committee  
Re: **Testimony Concerns for HB 4082**

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Good morning Chair Greenlick, Vice-Chairs Mitchell and Hayden, and Committee Members. While we support the overarching goals of HB 4082, Oregon Recovers has some concerns with the bill that we wanted to bring to your attention.

First, there is a **Lack of Recovery Community Involvement**. In its original form, the legislation does not require the legislature to engage or appoint members of the addiction recovery community. We believe that we cannot build a system that adequately responds to the needs of our community barring the active participation of that community. People with lived experience have proven to provide crucial insight into the disparities of our current system.

**Second, the legislation could Potentially create a delay.** We are concerned that this legislation will be used to justify delaying the adoption of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (ADPC) Statewide Strategic Plan. The ADPC, in collaboration with stakeholders from across the state, is in the final stages of the development of a blueprint for a comprehensive, recovery-oriented continuum of care in Oregon, and we need to move quickly to implement it.

We respectfully request that the Committee consider the adding the following amendments:

First, incorporate language into the bill that requires that at least 30% of commission members appointed by legislative leadership have lived experience, including people in recovery from addiction from racially, socioeconomically, and gender diverse backgrounds.

Second, we ask that the Committee include language in the Introduction Clauses of the bill that recognize the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission's strategic planning process and declare the Behavioral Health Commission's support for a new recovery-oriented continuum of care.

Over 2,100 people will die this year as a result of untreated addiction and, thus, we believe that Oregon requires an emergency response to the addiction crisis. While Oregon Recovers strongly supports the long-term goal of creating an integrated behavioral health system of care, we believe the legislature must prioritize implementing and funding services identified by the ADPC's Strategic Plan as lacking in our current system.

Oregon Recovers and our coalition members are grateful for the work and dedication of the House Behavioral Health Committee and we would strongly support the passage of HB 4082 if the aforementioned amendments were incorporated. Thank you.

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