

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation, My name is Jane Littlefield, and I am reaching out to you as a member of the Clackamas County chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice (CCSURJ). We are supporting the Health Justice Recovery Alliance and UniteOregon because we care deeply about increasing equity and care in our community, and seeing SB755 implemented fully will do that.

Treating the disease of addiction with the criminal justice system instead of medical and therapeutic interventions is misguided and unfair. I've never understood it. All Oregonians, and especially our BIPOC neighbors and friends, have been harmed by the approach of treating drug addiction as a criminal issue rather than a health issue. The Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act can help change that.

It takes a community of caring people to create a community of caring people. That's the community I want to live in. Let's collectively show care, hope, and faith in all our friends and neighbors by funding the low-barrier, culturally-relevant treatment, recovery, housing and harm-reduction treatment and recovery services outlined SB 755. This funding will benefit and uplift all Oregonians. Delaying funding for treatment will harm every Oregonian, while disproportionately deepening racial inequities created by our criminal justice system and widen healthcare disparities.

I strongly urge you - please support funding for these community care services that voters overwhelmingly approved last November in Measure 110. Let's spread hope and belief in one another that we can all get better.

Thank you for your care and consideration.

Kindly,

Jane Littlefield