

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation Committee,

My name is Savannah Moore and I am a resident in Clackamas County. I'm a student at Portland State University. I also work at my university with freshmen, transfer and returning students. I'm a mentor to my fellow peers to connect them with resources and I also create programming to positively impact the Portland State community. I'm a daughter and sister, and a caregiver to my family.

I've worked with people who are struggling with addiction. I've seen how it affects their relationships, their mental health, and their opportunities. I've also seen how it affects the stress and trauma that their families will inevitably go through. It creates a barrier for people that are often already affected by houslessness, poverty and violence. There is a lack of time and means to actually heal.

People of color, specifically Black, Indigenous, and Latinx communities as well as low-income Oregonians, have historically been disproportionately harmed by Oregon's failed approach of treating addiction like a crime, rather than a health issue. They are underrepresented in the healthcare system, while being overrepresented in the criminal justice system.

With the social justice movements and history we've seen in the past year, we mustn't let this historic measure pass us by. This is an opportunity to create the foundation for change that our country desperately needs. We need to help our country see that these are people, not crimes, that this is a health issue and it needs to be funded.

Please support funding for these critical life saving services that will benefit Oregonians statewide.

Thank you for your time,
Savannah Moore