

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

My name is Adam Weiner & I'm an elected PCP in HD-46 of Multnomah County. I'm writing today in support of SB 755. Addiction is a health issue and should be treated as such, IMHO. I have dear friends who suffered from addiction quite sorely and through recovery treatment, they made complete turnarounds and now lead healthy successful lives with their families. Portugal has had very successful results since they've shifted to funding a treatment-focused approach, and I believe we in Oregon would have similar successes for the better in a multitude of ways. Measure 110 won by a 17 point lead last November too, showing our fellow Oregonians are on a very similar page. BIPOC & LGBTQ+ communities are disproportionately affected from barriers to funds to get adequate treatment too, through systemic racism that prevents too many communities from accumulating generational wealth too, so I also see this as a racial justice issue that needs support.

I urge you to please support this bill, for the collective good of our fellow citizens. Funding treatment is crucial in this time of heightened overdose crisis. I lost a dear friend to his battle with addiction in late 2020, as he found difficulty with finding work during shutdowns and trouble finding help in general. His name was Bobby. He had a big heart and did a lot of good getting others to quit in his involvement with NA, as well as getting out the vote for 110 & Universal Pre-K. For his memory, and for the future of those experiencing similar health issues, I felt compelled to reach out and urge you all to please support SB 755 & fully fund this important legislative imperative. You will save lives and I do not say this lightly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All the best,

Adam Weiner