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Dear Chair Prozanski, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation:

My name is Jeanine Morales, I am the Deputy Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon. I am writing in full support of Senate Bill 755.

At NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, we advocate for the legal right of all individuals to choose if, when, and how they want to start and raise a family. These rights are inconsequential, however, if an individual cannot also access services for addiction and recovery there will be harmful long term impact.

In 2020, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon endorsed Measure 110, that resulted in Oregonians also acknowledging the need for a health-based approach to addiction and increasing access to recovery services.

Those who come from marginalized communities have been criminalized and often resulted in separation from family and friends who would otherwise be their support system as they recovered. **Halting drug arrests is only the beginning. Our treatment system is chronically fractured and underfunded** – leading to preventable suffering and loss.

Black, Indigenous and People of color need access to services that meet their individual needs based on cultural differences. Senate Bill 755 will increase access to low-barrier, culturally-responsive treatment, recovery, housing and harm-reduction services to those who need and want it. People recover everyday. With long-term individualized support, people in recovery can live long, healthy lives and become healthy, loving parents. Now, is the time to take a proactive approach to addiction and recovery services.

Your support for Senate Bill 755 will make services like this available throughout the state.

Thank you,

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