

Dear Chair and Committee members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation.

My name is Rich Rohde, and I live in Ashland Oregon. I am strongly supporting the full funding for the implementation of Measure 110. My spouse and I are both active members of NAMI-Southern Oregon and have had family who have mental illness and have also faced the battle with addictions. From the very first we heard about the Measure 110 possibilities we were strong supporters. We encouraged our church Medford United Church of Christ with our Justice and Peace Team to be early supporters. Also as a member of Unite Oregon Action I have been aware of how M110 will reduce racial disparities in drug arrests.

Our family was so blessed that M 110 passed with such an overwhelming majority. We even passed it here in Jackson county. I was really following how wonderful change in decriminalizing addiction and treating addiction as health care. In our county the treatment available for addiction is always full as services are not up to the need. That is why we need your support to fully fund the implementation of this measure now. I can't wait for another year or more. People are dying from drug overdoses every single day in our state especially in Jackson county while one in 10 Oregonians struggles with Substance Use Disorder. Please support funding for these critical life saving services that will benefit Oregonians statewide. Please support funding for these critical life saving services that will benefit Oregonians statewide