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

I'm writing on behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of Remnant Initiatives in support of SB 755. Remnant Initiatives is a nonprofit in Yamhill County supporting neighbors returning from our prisons, while we also educate the public on the importance of successful reentry.

Substance use and addiction are a major contributing factor to criminal behavior. Sadly, too many people go to prison for addiction-driven crimes, but do not receive treatment while they are there. When these folks come back to the neighborhood, **they still need treatment!** If we want to decrease recidivism and make our communities safer for everyone, we need the access to recovery services included in this legislation.

Measure 110 was passed by the voters because we, the citizens of Oregon, know that addiction treatment is a key to saving lives, and creating healthier, safer communities. And though, COVID-19 has created a budget crisis, we cannot afford to delay funding the treatment component of the legislation. Decriminalizing drug possession is not enough to get us to the goals we had hoped to achieve when Measure 110 was passed.

The voters passed it during the economic crisis caused by the pandemic, and the voters want it implemented, as intended, despite the economic crisis caused by the pandemic. Thank you for supporting SB 755.

Sincerely,

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Remnant Initiatives