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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation

Measure: SB1541

I am writing to testify in opposition to SB1541. This bill would take 120 million dollars from Ballot Measure 110 services fund and give it to the OR State Police. Ballot Measure 110 was approved by Oregon voters in 2021 by a 17 point margin. The recognition and desire of Oregon voters to provide much needed substance abuse/behavioral health treatment services here in Oregon should be respected. Removal of this money would reduce access to critical harm reduction and addiction recovery services. Per SMASHA OR ranks second in the nation for substance use disorder and 50th in addiction and recovery services. Ballot Measure 110 is designed to make much needed services available in EVERY county in Oregon. Per OPB Oregon ranks #1 for meth and opiate addiction. Every citizen in Oregon needs the opportunity to thrive and prosper. Up to this point people with addiction and behavioral health issues have been left with almost no opportunity for real recovery. Ballot Measure 110 was well thought out and creates services that fully support those who are motivated to recover from serious health problems. Lack of recovery truthfully keeps citizens of Oregon in a state of poor functioning, and frankly a long term drain on the state. It is urgent that we continue to fully fund Ballot Measure 110.