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Thanks Chair Lively and Co-Chair Kropf for letting me provide testimony today. I am a Nurse Practitioner currently caring for patients in Southern Oregon. Voters passed Measure 110 because there is an acute need to offer more recovery services to Oregon residents struggling with Substance Use Disorder. Now is not the time to be taking important funding from this cause. If 4016 passes 29 million will be diverted from the evolving services slated to provide care in every county of our state. SAMSHA results show that Oregon is ranked second in the nation for residents struggling with SUD and 50 in services available to this group of patients. Patients are not the only people impacted by this disorder, families and friends including young children are vulnerable if residents do not have access to services at the time of need. We provide medical treatment for obese patients with food addiction, let's stop demonizing patients addicted to substances and provide care for them as well. Please protect these funds for patients!