Submitter: Jacob Hunt

On Behalf

Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110

Implementation

Measure: SB1541

As an addictions counselor, I oppose SB1541. It takes money from measure 110 that was passed by a significant margin in 2020. Measure 110 needs funding to address our addiction crisis, and to carry out the decision of the voters. Addictions treatment centers are notoriously underfunded which means they are understaffed and staff are underpaid, leading to high staff-turnover rates and compromised treatment. Wait lists are long so people are left to suffer and possibly die in their addictions, rather than get treatment. Those in inpatient treatment can't transition out until they find housing, which takes time because of barriers to housing and prevents their bed from opening up for someone else. Measure 110 addresses all this head on. Please oppose SB1541!