

Submitter: Heather Coffman

On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110  
Implementation

Measure: SB1541

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, members of the committee,

My name is Heather Coffman and I live in Jackson County. I am writing to urge you to oppose SB 1541. The bill would cut \$120 million per biennium from lifesaving, low-barrier addiction recovery services. Oregon voters passed Measure 110 by a 17 point margin because we value shifting to a health centered approach toward addiction. This is the wrong time to make cuts and SB 1541 is not aligned with the will of Oregon voters.

M110 is just getting started, and the OHA will be dispersing funding to providers by next month. Already within the first 6 months of the Legislature granting M110 emergency funding, service providers across the state have been able to help 16,000 Oregonians! Our behavioral health system is already strained by COVID-19. Please uphold the will of the voters and provide needed support to our struggling behavioral health system by rejecting any attempt to cut M110 funding. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Heather Coffman