Submitter: Michelle 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 Michelle Coffman. I am a Jackson County resident and I am writing to ask you to please oppose SB 1541.

In the Rogue Valley, we are seeing a real crisis in terms of substance use. Our community members are struggling and we need to provide better access to low-barrier treatment, recovery and harm reduction services. According to new data from SAMHSA, Oregon ranks second in the nation for substance use disorder and 50th in addiction and recovery services, and we are still seeing people die every day from overdose.

The need to fully fund M110 services is urgent. The OHA has not yet dispersed funding for services to meet the existing need across the state. Cutting these funds in the future will mean the loss of lives. Please vote NO on SB 1541. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Michelle Coffman