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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Measure: HB4016

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Cate and Kropf, and members of the House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity,  
My name is Michelle Coffman and I live in Jackson County. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I am writing to oppose the -3 amendment of HB 4016. I am strongly opposed to the funding piece of the -3 amendment, as it would reduce access to the essential harm reduction and addiction recovery services provided by Measure 110.

The need to fully fund M110 services is urgent. Our community members in the Rogue Valley are struggling and in the midst of an addiction crisis. Folks are dying every day from overdose, and new data from SAMHSA shows that Oregon ranks second in the nation for substance use disorder and 50th in addiction and recovery services.

The voters passed Measure 110 by a 17 point margin. Now, 6 months after the Legislature granted \$31M in emergency funding for M110 services, we are beginning to see the incredible benefits and have already served 16,00 Oregonians! About the same amount of money is proposed to be cut from M110 services in the -3 amendment of HB 4016. This will have a direct negative impact on the lives of the Oregonians that have been helped by these services.

This is the absolute wrong time to make cuts. I understand that there is a need to address illegal cannabis operations in the Rogue Valley, but this is not the right approach to address this issue. Please uphold the will of the voters and reject any attempt to cut Measure 110 funding. I urge you to vote NO on the -3 amendment of HB 4016. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Coffman