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On Behalf Of: Oregon Oversight and Accountability Council

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation

Measure: SB1541

To whom this may concern I am opposed to this bill. I am currently serving on the OAC and we have worked countless hour for this money to be distributed among treatment centers.

As a person of color and in recovery I am the prime example that treatment works as i have been clean and sober for 9 years. If this bill is passed it would effect the work we have been implementing for these treatment centers. The citizens of Oregon voted and measure 110 was passed for us to be able to help others in recovery seek out the services it needs to be successful in recovery. By passing 1541 it will harm Oregonians. The war on drugs affect many in the BIPOC community and If this bill were to move forward before we have a chance to allow these funds to be distributed for the purpose of treatment it would have a devastating impact on the BIPOC community once again. The state police can get money from any other source or ask for funds to be put into a bill for them and let the citizen's decide if they would like to fund them for their purpose of illegal marijuana grows in southern Oregon. I am strongly against this matter moving forward and as a woman of color whom people have suffered for hundred of years just when we think things are going to change for the better we get hit with a bill trying to stop us from doing good in our communities. I have seen first hand people out here dying overdosing on fentanyl on other drugs. We need all this money to help fight back against drugs and drug abuse.