

My Name is Basilio Sandoval

I'm the Manager for the SUDS Program for Centro Latino Americano in Eugene Oregon. I'm concerned because by cutting the funding you are taking lifesaving services from Oregonians. I am writing here to testify in opposition to SB1541. This bill would take 120 Million dollars out of the Measure 110 services fund.

Last year, the legislature invested \$31 million in M110 services to expand access to vital addiction treatment, peer-supported recovery, harm reduction, and housing services. In just six months, 16,000 Oregonians were helped by these lifesaving services. This is incredibly important work that provides hope during a national spike in overdose deaths.

- 60% of those accessed harm reduction services.
  - 115 behavioral health staff were hired.
  - 4 peer recovery doulas were funded.
  - 12 vehicles were purchased to provide mobile treatment and harm reduction services.
  - 3 housing complexes and 10 tiny homes were purchased.
- With overdose deaths on the rise across the country, and new data from SAMHSA showing Oregon ranks second in the nation for substance use disorder and 50th in addiction and recovery services, the need to continue to fully fund Measure 110 services could not be more urgent.
  - Next month, \$270 million *more* is slated to be invested in increased access to lifesaving services including housing, peer support, harm reduction, overdose prevention, and low-barrier recovery treatment services in every Oregon County.
  - The Oversight & Accountability Council received applications from service providers for \$390 million to support the creation of Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRNs), which will provide access to low-barrier addiction recovery services in every Oregon County. This is about \$110 million *more* than the OAC had available to issue to grantees. We simply cannot afford to cut these funds.
  - This is the absolute wrong time to make cuts. Oregon voters approved M110 by a 17 point margin. M110 is just getting started, and 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 Measure 110 funding.

I want to point out some of the ways Measure 110 is making a positive impact in the Hispanic Latinex Community of Lane County.

During the last 6 months we at Centro Latino Americano created and structured a peer mentoring program. That included certifying and training 3 bi-lingual, bicultural recovery mentors, our program also hired 2 CADC-Candidates to support our program capacity.

Clearly the funding from measure 110 received by Centro Latino Americano, has been essential to have program capacity, and develop our peer mentoring program. Based on Research Evidence, Peer mentoring helps clients overcome barriers and have success on their recovery. This program has become an important service for our community.

Thank you,

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Thank you.