

To: Oregon Legislators

From: Dane Zahner, he/him, Southern Oregon Prevention Manager HIV Alliance

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RE: In Favor of continuing measure 110

Dear Oregon Legislators,

My name is Dane Zahner. I am writing this in favor of measure 110. I work in Harm Reduction safe guarding our most at-risk community members. What I have seen first hand is the most amazing collaboration since Measure 110 was implemented. I work in some of our most rural counties of Oregon, Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Josephine. This collaboration of the partners funded under measure 110 connecting together to these community members is amazing. Having community health departments, treatment providers, medical providers where possible, and harm reduction providers working all together to connect people to care. We still have barriers to overcome in capacity of mental health, treatment access, and harm reduction supplies. We know these most vulnerable are at an increased need for testing for HIV, HCV, and syphilis. Making sure they are prepared in case of an overdose with Naloxone and helping decrease injection related infections by having access to new equipment. The boots on the ground peer programs would not be here if we didn't have measure 110. We are connecting people to care every day. I welcome all of you listening to this to come out and see the action at one of the numerous collaborative outreach events to see the connection to care in person. I support and will continue to support measure 110 and ask that you do. We are seeing results. It will take many years for in patient facilities to be constructed to manage the number of people suffering from SUDS. When 11% of Oregonians face addiction issues. There is definitely a need for more assistance to overcome the gaps. Thanks for reading this and if you have questions please contact me.

Sincerely

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