

To: Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response

Our communities are suffering and we cannot wait any longer for lawmakers to fully fund behavioral health systems. The crisis has reached a breaking point.

Discussions about rolling back Measure 110 are the wrong approach. We need more treatment services and we need them NOW. That is what will help our communities.

People in Clatsop County have a significantly higher than national average risk of hospitalization due to alcohol or drug diagnosis, according to the [Oregon Substance Use Disorder Services Inventory and Gaps Analysis done by OHSU-PSU School of Public Health](#)

With increasing homelessness and despair in our communities, the last thing we need is to criminalize addiction, which would decrease people's ability to get jobs, get housing, and thrive. Measure 110 has increased access to treatment services but that alone is not enough. It will take investments in a full continuum of care so no one is turned away who needs help.

Please ensure everyone who seeks addiction recovery services can receive them quickly, easily, and in a way that meets their unique needs — especially the Black, Latinx, Indigenous, tribal, Native and other communities of color disproportionately affected by the disastrous, racist and failed war on drugs. Please do not go backwards on Measure 110.

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