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Thank you for reviewing my testimony. I am a Youth Case Manager at Northwest Family Services working in the Clackamas Alcohol and Drug school intervention program. We serve youth ages 11-18 in the middle schools and high schools. Thanks to Measure 110 funding, we have doubled our addiction counselors and added two case managers including myself as well as peer support specialists. We are now able to have presence and offer treatment and support in more schools than in previous years, increasing the number of clients we are able to serve by 50%. The new case manager positions allow us to contact youth and provide services within days rather than weeks. Previously, staff did not have time to support parents and families, but now case managers are connecting parents to resources and offering family workshops.

I strongly urge you to support our youth by protecting Measure 110 funding. The future of the next generation depends on it.