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On Behalf Of: Freedom to Thrive
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB2089

Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I stand here today in opposition to the proposed bill HB2089, which threatens to strip away crucial funding for behavioral health and addiction recovery services in our great state. Robbing \$60-\$80 million per biennium from essential mental health, addiction treatment and prevention services at a time when so many people are suffering, is a terrible idea.

The proposed cuts would gut Measure 110 life-saving programs including essential services such as overdose prevention, street outreach to homeless neighbors, family support services, peer support services, and emergency access to low-barrier treatment. This reduction in funding would have a devastating impact on the people who depend on these services to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

I implore you to stand with me in defense of mental health and addiction services. These programs are critical to the well-being of all Oregonians, and we cannot afford to let them suffer. Vote against HB2089 and let's ensure that everyone has access to the support they need to lead healthy, thriving lives.

With gratitude and determination,
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