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On Behalf Of: GCOBBCONSULTING LLC
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB2089

Greetings Chair Nathanson, Vice - Chairs Reschke, Walters and Committee members,

My name is Gary Cobb and I oppose HB-2089.

I am the founder of GCOBBCONSULTING LLC. Prior to my consulting work, I spent 22+ years in the non-profit sector as a Community Outreach Coordinator. My scope of duties ranged from hospital and direct street outreach to people needing services connecting with primary healthcare, that included substance use disorders (SUDs) as well as housing and employment needs. Here's what I know, the State of Oregon has historically under-funded positions like I had, and most definitely has under-funded (if at all) Communities of Color to do serious outreach and lifesaving work.

Measure 110 changes this, it funds these critical outreach services like harm reduction as well as creating direct links to SUD's treatment to support and help save Oregonians suffering from SUD's. The voters voted overwhelmingly YES on Measure 110 to decriminalize the War on Drugs that has devastated our Communities of Color, and the voters voted YES on Measure 110 to finally have the State of Oregon fund the services Oregon individuals, families and communities deserve.

I encourage this Revenue Committee to vote NO on HB-2089 and hold Measure 110 whole, completely funding the lifesaving services the voters of Oregon wanted and intended for the Measure 110 monies to go to.

Thank you for allowing my testimony,
Gary Cobb (He/Him/His)
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