

House Committee,

I am a Native American and Mexican woman who grew up on the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians reservation. I grew up watching first hand the impact drugs have had on my family, friends and community. Measure 110 has been one of the few things I have seen that help support BIPOC organizations combat the addiction dilemma. With the roll out of measure 110 our community has received a wider access to treatment services and allows for so many individuals who were neglected services, to gain access to treatment. The proposal of HB 2089 would greatly reduce the funding to addiction recovery services in Oregon; doing a disservice to our state who already struggles competing with the ability to provide addiction recovery services, as were ranked nearly last in the country.

Measure 110 has brought hope to Oregon communities struggling with substance use. Measure 110 is creating a system where people can get the help they need without losing their jobs, their children, or future aspiration; HB 2089 would cut those services. Measure 110 is just getting its footing to do exactly what voters intended for it to do. By reducing the amount; we would be setting Oregon up to fail. I can not stress enough that HB 2081 would be doing a disservice to our BIPOC Oregonians and rural communities as funding is always limited.

Respectfully,

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