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Hello, I am opposed to this measure 2089 because it takes away from the work that we need to catch up on as Oregon is 50th in the nation for overdose and no action to treatment on a timely basis. Here is another example of how the Measure 110 funds can help a community member that was having a hard time staying clean due to the horrific grief of the recent loss of her husband. BRHN peer met with a peer who was unable to get a husband of 30 years remains, she had been making payments for months. Peer shared she was unable to get closure of her husband's death until she was able to bring him home, peer was chronically relapsing. PSS reached out to the funeral home and arranged for the rest of the debt to be forgiven and his remains released to peer. The peer has not had a drink in 60 days and is now connected with a grief counselor and attends a grief group regularly. Peer Support can mean so many things, and comes in so many forms that this story is a great example of humanity and being able to have someone walk side by side with someone.\

Thank you for your consideration.

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