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

Dear Chair Representative Nancy Nathanson, Vice Chair Representative E. Werner Reschke,
Vice Chair Representative Jules Walters, and members of the Oregon House Committee on Revenue:

I am asking you to oppose HB2089 which would divert M110 funds from substance misuse services. Now, more than ever, we need your support to address substance misuse and addiction in Oregon by safeguarding Measure 110 funds

The rollout of Measure 110 BHRN funds for critical addiction recovery services across Oregon had significant administrative delays, barriers and setbacks until late 2022. Lessons were learned by the administration and there have been changes of leadership, but we can't get that time back. These community based programs need a fair chance and it takes more than a minute to ramp up, onboard staff, perform outreach, deliver these lifesaving services and demonstrate impact. So many of these programs have teams who have weathered the storm with unwavering dedication. Let them shine and do their work.

We know the system is under capacity for the need. We all are seeing the consequences of under-funding substance services. Oregonians are overdosing and dying every day.

Recovery is possible and lives are transformed when people receive healing and support, beginning with basic needs, acceptance, belonging and connection. Our community programs deliver critical services and create a community of belonging with roots in this network. Measure 110 was setup to ensure Oregonians would have access to life-saving housing, peer support, low-barrier treatment, employment services and more for recovery.

Please reject HB 2089 and any reduction or redirection of M110 funding this session.

Thank you,
Laura Rose Misaras