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Thank you for taking the time to read the following testimony opposing Senate Bill 1579. This bill would cut funding for existing grantees who are out there right now saving lives by 50%. On top of the reduction already taking place because of lowered marijuana revenue. This would be devastating to marginalized communities who are now benefitting from measure 110 grantee services. The money from measure 110 grant have made tremendous positive impacts on communities, in particular communities of color. More people are now being reached than ever before. Providers in Lincoln County are working hand in hand with the Newport City Police and the Lincoln County Sherriffs Office to get people connected up to all kinds of services from emergency shelter, to harm reduction, outpatient treatment, medical care, housing, residential treatment, food services, supported employment, infectious disease testing and care, etc. Taking more money away would be devastating to all the drug impacted communities in Oregon (which is all communities). People are dying, no longer can Oregon remain ranked last in Substance use disorder treatment in the Nation! Please support these communities in continuing to provide funding to help combat the drug crisis. Thank you for your time.