



Bridgeway
Freedom Through Recovery

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On Behalf Of: Bridgeway Recovery Services Inc.

Committee: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2513

Dear members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin and Nelson and members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care, thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Renee Hancock. I am the Chief Operations Officer for Bridgeway Recovery Services, a healthcare provider in Marion County.

Historically, Individuals walked through our doors seeking an assessment and treatment; if they were uninsured or unable to pay, we had no choice but to turn them away. With funding from M110, we are now able to enroll them regardless of their ability to pay.

M110 funding provided the resources for us to develop a new program- Bridgeway Community Connect, which is a low barrier program that meets the individual where they are at in that moment. What we know is that no one dreams of becoming an addict. Life, pain and hopelessness cause addiction. Bridgeway Community Connect restores hope. Hope by connecting them with a mentor who helps them obtain a safe, stable place to sleep, enroll in supportive employment, and connect them with food and resources so that they can enter treatment for their addiction with a stable foundation. The Oregon Health Plan does not fund this service and without Measure 110 funding, we would be forced to once again turn people away.

The Bridgeway Community Connect has already provided a significant positive impact. Just yesterday, I pulled the number of individuals currently enrolled in our Bridgeway Community Connect program and there are 200... just in this program, which does not include those enrolled in our treatment programs. In total, since its launch on December 2, 2022- 344 individuals have connected with resources and treatment because of M110.

HB2513 brings the needed structure to M110 by creating more oversight and accountability in order for it to be successful long term. I respectfully ask that you vote in favor of HB2513 and send the message to those struggling with addiction across Oregon that they matter.

Thank you for your time and commitment,

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