



Changing Lives One Step at A Time

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Good afternoon, Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, members of the House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care,

Though the initial rollout of Measure 110 faced significant challenges, it is now delivering essential services to Oregonians in need. More than 60,000 individuals have received services, and \$302 million in funding has been allocated to providers across the state. This has resulted in the opening of new programs, recovery housing, and expanded youth and adult services.

But there is still work to be done. HB 2513 addresses the core values essential to advancing and improving Measure 110. It emphasizes timely and efficient funding, accessibility to substance use treatment services, and a commitment to evidence-based public health approaches. Furthermore, the bill highlights the importance of reducing disparities and increasing culturally sound services for Oregon's Black and brown communities.

HB 2513 will improve the effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of the Oregon Health Authority's administration of Measure 110, consolidate Oregon's substance use hotlines, and enhance the Oregon Accountability Council's grant-making processes. By supporting HB 2513, we can ensure the continued success and long-term viability of Measure 110 funding for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Oregon communities deserve the maximum funding possible for substance use treatment, overdose prevention and related peer support, housing, and employment services. HB 2513, the Hope and Recovery bill, doubles down on our state's commitment to treat substance use as a health issue, recognizing that doing so is the most effective, humane, and will have the greatest impact on our communities.

Thank you for your time and commitment to ensuring more Oregonians have access to lifesaving care through Measure 110.

Here at Transcending Hope we have been able to provide stabilization Housing services for person with Addictions and Culturally responsive for our most vulnerable populations who identify as Latin X and or Native. All Transcending Hopes staff are certified as CRMS, PSS, PSW, and a CADCI each having lived experience with Substance Use Disorder, Incarceration, Homelessness, Trauma, ect. We have accomplished family housing, culturally responsive mens and woman's housing, and 2 diverse mens homes. In the initial 6 months we provided 40 adults and approximately 10 children with housing. Out of those 40 participants 35 were transitioned to permanent Housing with continued

supports from BRHN partners. The impact and ripple effect of these services have been immense. We are providing housing to persons who identify with addiction and homelessness. We are creating a pathway to sustainable living, reducing hospital visits, increasing the economy, stopping generational trauma in its tracks. Transcending Hope relies on community partners services and our Housing navigator, live in house managers, and our structure has created community within community. This tackles a list of on-going issues in OREGON. As a bi-racial woman (Latina) who identifies as being in long term recovery (19 years) and a single mother of six, one of my sons battles addiction and his diagnosis of schizophrenia, I know the difficulties of navigating a system designed for failure. Measure 110 has enabled Transcending Hope to provide services that empower, lift, and create pathways to a life of contribution to families, society, and the systems they face.

Thank you for the opportunity to protect measure 110 and the services we are providing.

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The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower, share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another's, smile at someone and receive a smile in return, are to me continual spiritual exercises.

