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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure: SB5506

Honorable members of the Ways and Means committee. I am advocating for additional funding for M110 and respect for Oregon voters actions on November 3, 2021. M110 directly impacts the quality of life for every Oregonian. The language used in dialogue about this measure, just like it's funding deserves to be expanded. M110 allows Oregon communities and it's voters to address a broad spectrum of life when articulated appropriately. This Measure is holistically impacting Public Safety, Human Services, and Health, while broadly addressing the issues of refunding, not defunding the Police or law enforcement. In addition, by challenging and creating pathways for a more inclusive service industry, it deteriorates long-standing forms of hegemony that limit our opportunities to create sustained outcomes reflective at multiple levels and through many processes. If I only talk about the services to the addicted, or the numbers of specific clients served on fentanyl thus far, I do a disservice to Oregonians while misrepresenting the true reach of this important effort. I would be glad to be more detailed in my explanation of exactly how M110 reinvest in our humanity by discussing the abundance of resources created, as well as the new pathways of empowerment, and accountability. At Lutheran Community Services Northwest M110 funding is changing paradigms, recreating infrastructure in programs that are inclusive, while training individuals with lived experience to invest in giving back through a strength based approach. This is a more humane and productive investment in our pluralistic forms of humanity. Thank you for listening.