

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dylan Weil and I am the Executive Director for a non-profit in Lane County called Community Outreach through Radical Empowerment. My agency supports the amendment -5 to HB 3414.

We would like to thank the sponsors of this bill for taking feedback about finding a different funding source rather than the Oregon Marijuana Fund. Doing so will allow thousands of people throughout the state of Oregon to continue to receive critical resources funded by Measure 110, while also allowing disadvantaged members of our community to build generational wealth.

This funding is imperative more than ever due to the historical racial injustice in our country caused by the war on drugs. It remains essential to provide unwavering support for the organizations serving our communities in Oregon and by choosing to source this funding from other places than the Oregon Marijuana Fund, this will allow for more sustainable funding for both program that are already funded through M110 and new programs that will be funded under these new opportunities.

We need to create long lasting investments in organizations and services that are focused on serving BIPOC communities and other marginalized populations, and at CORE we believe the move to gather this funding from a separate stream is a step in the right direction as it will provide a clearer pathway for these organizations to receive funding and it will simultaneously allow for continued support of these essential M110 programs that have only just begun to have the chance to demonstrate their efficacy.

Healthy communities rely on healthy service networks. In order to have a flourishing service landscape in your community you need to have clear and ongoing investment from both local and state levels. Competition between agencies for the same funding limited opportunities is detrimental for the community to have a diverse range of services. We support this amendment because it will create greater opportunities for our communities to attain a healthy and flourishing service network.

Sincerely

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