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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1583

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in opposition to SB 1583.

This bill would destabilize the systems of care built under Measure 110 by shifting oversight and funding in a way that disrupts treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and deflection services.

I want to be clear about what these services mean in real life. If it were not for access to treatment and the continuum of care created under Measure 110, I would likely be incarcerated or dead today. These programs work because they meet people where they are and provide consistent, trusted pathways to recovery rather than punishment.

Providers and communities have spent years building capacity and trust. Abrupt structural changes make it harder to deliver consistent care and risk leaving people without the services they need at critical moments. Disrupting systems that are actively saving lives will only increase harm and strain the criminal legal system.

Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs and improving data systems—not creating instability through major governance shifts. I urge you to oppose SB 1583.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely, Matthew Leach