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On Behalf Of:

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SB1583

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in opposition to SB 1583. As someone with lived experience in recovery, I am deeply concerned that this bill would destabilize the systems of care built under Measure 110 by shifting oversight and funding in ways that disrupt treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and deflection services.

These systems are not abstract to me or to many Oregonians. Providers and communities have spent years building capacity, coordination, and trust with people who are often already hesitant to engage with care. Abrupt structural changes make it harder to deliver consistent, effective services and increase the risk that people will fall through the cracks during a critical moment in their recovery.

Measure 110 created pathways that meet people where they are and connect them to support without unnecessary barriers. Rather than dismantling, creating instability through major governance shifts or restructuring those pathways, Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs, improving data systems, and addressing implementation challenges in partnership with providers and people directly impacted.

I urge you to oppose SB 1583 and protect the stability of the care continuum that so many individuals and families rely on.

Thank you for considering my testimony.