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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.

It's imperative to all communities to be able to continue to provide services. In order to make a positive change in society the operating function of this bill must not change. Speaking on behalf of someone that provides services, and has received services. If this was to change the drug epidemic would only strengthen. One of the things that helped me was the stability of treatment. When you remove a plant that has been nursed back to health, and place it back into a unhealthy environment, it becomes sick again. By changing this bill we are regressing from the ability to provide useful treatment services.

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.