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On Behalf Of: 4D Recovery
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1583

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Lyric Farmer, and I am writing in opposition to SB 1583.

I come before you not only as a college student, but as someone with lived experience navigating Oregon's systems of care. I am a formerly incarcerated individual, a former foster youth, a Black and LGBTQ+ Oregonian, and a proud member of the recovery community celebrating five years clean. The services created and expanded under Measure 110 were not abstract policy to me — they were part of a real pathway to stability, accountability, and healing for people like myself.

SB 1583 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. Providers and communities have spent years building capacity, relationships, and trust with people who are often deeply skeptical of institutions due to past harm. Abrupt structural changes risk undoing that work and leaving people without consistent or accessible care.

As someone who has experienced the consequences of system instability firsthand, I know that recovery does not happen in chaos. It happens through continuity, trust, and community-based support. Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs, improving data systems, and addressing gaps — not creating new instability through major governance shifts.

I urge you to oppose SB 1583 and to protect the progress that has been made for individuals and families who are working every day toward recovery and reintegration.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Respectfully,
Lyric Farmer
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