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On Behalf Of: 4th dimension recovery
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.

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.

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.

My name is Patricia I work for 4d recovery as an outreach worker. I have 3 years of sustained honest sobriety. The day I surrendered and decided to get clean I was walking around in the snow, pregnant, and was opioid dependent. I was able to walk into an outpatient treatment facility, tell them my situation, and they got me all set up with detox and even a ride to detox. I've been clean ever since and now I help others get clean.

Thank you for considering my testimony.