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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.

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.

I myself am a CRM and I'm working towards my forensic endorsement. If it wasn't for measure 110 funding I would not have been able to accomplish all that I have over the past 3 years, you see before I got sober I was living in a fifth wheel trailer that leaked so much I was sleeping on a wet bed and I was freezing all the time, I lived with no running water for roughly 10 years, I had never even tried to get a license to drive, but since measure 110 I was able to get the help I needed to get clean I was able to get into a housing program where they helped me stay clean and now I have my own apartment and I have my license and a car and I'm a certified recovery mentor who is also working on getting my forensics peer endorsement added to my credentials. I honestly believe and if it wasn't for the funding going to the health care system to help support more structured recovery centers and things then this wouldn't have been possible and I believe that it will help a lot more people if it stays with the health care system rather than the justice system because the justice system all I've ever seen it do is cause people to continue the same course they're already on.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Destiny D. Westby