

Submitter:

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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.

I am in recovery today because treatment and rehabilitation services were available when I needed them. My clean date is July 31, 2016. Recovery is not a single decision. It is a lifelong process that depends on access to care, stability, and support.

Because of recovery services, including Measure 110 programs, I have not only stayed sober but have gone on to work as a recovery mentor and peer support specialist. I now support people who are struggling at their most vulnerable moments, and I see every day how these services save lives. They connect people to treatment, housing, mental health care, and hope.

Defunding rehabilitation and Measure 110 services would not end addiction. It would end access to help. It would push people back into crisis, relapse, overdose, and incarceration.

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.