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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.

All the evidence supports the fact that throwing people in jail over and over again not only doesn't help people get the help they need, but is also usually detrimental to the long term success of a recovering addict. The people who struggle with addiction need and deserve better. They need people who actually care and are willing to invest in their treatment, recovery, and success. And they need structured support and programs that helps guide them to a better life, The funding is essential to these kinds of programs.

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.

Sincerely,
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