

Submitter:

Holly Smyth

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 to strongly oppose SB 1583 and to urge continued, protected funding for Measure 110.

SB 1583 would undermine the intent and effectiveness of Measure 110 by destabilizing community-based supports that are proven to engage people who use drugs. Treatment, recovery, and deflection services are not supplemental; they are essential to public health and community safety. Providers and services funded through Measure 110 are fundamental to building trust, reducing harm, and connecting individuals to care that promotes long-term stability and sustainability. Reducing or redirecting Measure 110 funding away from at-risk communities will not improve outcomes. It will increase disengagement, overdose risk, strain on emergency and justice systems, and results in devastating higher unemployment and reduced economic participation. Oregon voters chose a public health approach grounded in compassion, dignity, and lived experience. SB 1583 moves the state backward toward punitive responses that have repeatedly failed.

I urge you to oppose SB 1583 and to uphold Measure 110's funding and intent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Holly Smyth