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On Behalf Of:
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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. Measure 110 has increased access to treatment and has improved the continuum of care in Lincoln County.

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. As a provider of peer recovery services and a constituent of Lincoln County I have witnessed a stronger recovery community, increased access to treatment and many of the gaps filled to provide and receive a consistent continuum of care over the past five years. I often work with parents of our most vulnerable population (our children) and it would be a shame to see our system of care that has so greatly improved be disrupted. Those who complete treatment and receive supportive services often become housed, productive members of our community and grow in their ability to parent safely.

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.