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On Behalf Of:
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Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in opposition to SB6 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 a mother of a son who struggled with substance use disorder for more than ten years. During much of that time, I was forced to send him out of state for treatment—not because we wanted to leave Oregon, but because there were no available openings for him here at home.

Each time I put my son on a plane to another state, it came with an enormous emotional cost and a significant financial burden. Travel, treatment expenses, and time away from family added stress to an already overwhelming situation. No parent should have to send their child hundreds or thousands of miles away to receive lifesaving care simply because their own state lacks sufficient resources.

Oregon is a wonderful place to live, and I am proud to call it home. But our state urgently needs more funding and capacity for substance use disorder and mental health services. Families like mine should be able to access timely, effective treatment close to home—where recovery can be supported by community, continuity of care, and family involvement.

Please ensure that no more parents are left with the impossible choice of waiting for an opening or sending their loved one out of state for help.

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.