

Submitter: Crystal Walker

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. As a person of lived experience and who works in the field of Peer Support for at risk families, I know how important this funding is and the impact these services have for individuals that are struggling. Within our agency we currently have 10 positions dependent on Measure 110 funding, and I supervise 7 of those employees. I see every day the impact they are having in the community and with the families they serve, and it matters. Every month through Measure 110 funding, we are able to work with approximately 145 families. We provide support around housing, self-sufficiency, connecting to services that promote lasting change and break the cycle of generational poverty and substance use disorder.

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 result 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,

Crystal Walker