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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.

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.

I am a person in recovery from SUD. I currently work as an Outreach peer for a non-profit organization that helps connect people with SUD recovery services. My work is deeply personal, when I was in my addiction I had no idea such services were available. Now, with my lived experience and knowledge of services that are available I can help others learn and navigate the systems currently in place to get them the help they need.

Thank you for considering my testimony.