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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.

As a provider, I have personally seen people come in off the streets with no clean time, complete a program of recovery, and go on to gain employment and long-term housing. I have worked in women's stabilization since the house opened, and our outcomes have been more positive than negative. People have been able to move forward from trauma, substance use, and abuse through stable access to housing and treatment.

When funding decreased, both participants and employees feared losing their homes and jobs despite strong outcomes, demonstrating how instability in funding directly undermines recovery and workforce retention.

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.

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