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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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SB1583

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in opposition to SB 1583. Measure 110 has afforded our organization the capacity to make a real impact in our community with some of the most vulnerable community members. We've been able to help stabilize several individuals and families and help peers get the treatment they needed to receive and maintain housing, engage in reunification with their children, maintain sobriety through peer mentorship and support groups and several other wrap around services. The systems of care built under Measure 110 will be disrupted and threaten to negatively impact 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 which will lead to many Oregonians relapsing and becoming unstable again. 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.