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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. Moreover, I believe that changing the oversight would adversely affect prioritizing culturally responsive care to marginalized communities, especially during a period of time where communities of color are being targeted. Law Enforcement are not seen as trusted collaborators for marginalized communities in general, so changing oversight to a criminal-justice oriented structure seems counter productive.

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.