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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. I am someone in long term recovery who struggled to find services and support in behavioral services for myself back in 2018 to 2020, before measure 110 funding. I have worked in the field as a peer mentor for almost 5 years and experienced first hand the good that measure 110 funds have had on access to care. I have saved lives myself and seen these individuals thrive with better access to care in the past several years. I urge you to keep funding behavioral health, so we may continue to save as many lives as we can and build a better future for our communities.

Each lived saved and given the chance to make a change by having the opportunity to choose recovery services, and those services be available, is one more person making themselves and our community a better place. The ripple effect is strong.

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.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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