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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.

Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs and improving data systems — not creating instability through major governance shifts. I am living proof that these services are effective and can change lives. While in my addiction I was homeless, committing crimes, and a menace to my community. With the help of peer mentor services I utilized inpatient and outpatient treatment services where I gained the knowledge and tools to remain sober. I now have custody of my children, a safe place to call home, reliable transportation and a full time job helping others in recovery. I urge you to oppose SB 1583.

Thank you for considering my testimony.