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To whomever it may concern,

My name is Michael Horton, and I am writing to you about the proposed cutting of funding for Measure 110. I am strongly opposed to reducing funding for that bill. Recovery and peer mentorship are such an important thing for people especially those struggling with substance abuse disorder.

I personally have over 4 years clean off of hard substances, and that is solely due to the recovery program out here in Portland. If it weren't for the support of mentors, the treatment centers, the recovery centers, such as The Alano Club and 4th Dimension Recovery Centers, I wouldn't be the clear-headed and grounded parent I am. I am living a normal life again thanks to these programs. Thanks to the recovery program, I have done a complete 180 in my life; I got my daughter back in my custody full time, I have my own place and now have been stable for about 4 years now. I've even pursued my Peer Support Certification.

I help mentor a lot of the youth and adults in the houseless population, and it is something I am super passionate about. Cutting funding to this would drastically impact a lot of individuals' lives and not give them the opportunity to actually change their position and take their lives back as I have done and so many others before me have been able to do. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope that you can read this with some compassion and empathy in regards to this measure.

Sincerely,

Michael Horton