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Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Oregon State Legislature
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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong opposition to SB 1583. This bill would destabilize the systems of care built under Measure 110 by shifting oversight and funding in ways that disrupt treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and deflection services across our state.

Providers and communities have spent years building capacity, relationships, and trust. Abrupt structural changes make it harder to provide consistent care and risk leaving people, especially those in crisis, without the services they need. Rather than creating instability through major governance shifts, Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs and improving data systems so the progress already underway can continue.

I speak not only as a behavioral health professional, but also as a former consumer of services. The support offered through Measure 110 could have helped me in ways that were not available earlier in my life. I have now been sober for eight years, and I have seen firsthand how access to timely services can change a person's trajectory. As an enrolled Tribal member and someone who works closely with rural communities, I also witness the deep impact Measure 110 funding has had on areas that historically had almost no resources. Without this funding, many rural programs would not exist at all. Taking it away now would be like an earthquake disruptive, damaging, and disproportionately harmful to marginalized populations who already face barriers to care.

While Measure 110 was not perfect at launch, the state has implemented meaningful adjustments, including new direction from OHA and a revamped BHRN committee structure. These improvements deserve the opportunity to take hold. We should build on what is working, not dismantle the foundation just as it is stabilizing.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose SB 1583.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Garcia