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On Behalf Of:
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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.

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.

I am a person in recovery and was previously incarcerated for a crime directly related to my addiction. My behaviors in active addiction led to the tragic loss of the life of my victim. I now work in the recovery field counseling young people in recovery and supervising other counselors.

In my experience, significant disruptions to infrastructure have a deleterious effect on systems. Oregon's recovery community was thriving before covid-19 restrictions on congregate gatherings. It took many years for our vibrant recovery landscape to form in Oregon. The current recovery culture of the state is still rebuilding. The goals of measure 110 are obtainable through refinements other than what is being proposed through SB1583. SB1583 sets the achievement of our shared work to save lives and reduce harmful crime farther out.

Thank you for considering my testimony.