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On Behalf Of:
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Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Dustin Fortado, and I serve as a Peer Support Program Manager for The Pathfinder Network in Jackson County. I am writing in opposition to SB 1583.

Measure 110 has had a meaningful and positive impact on our community. Through this framework, we have expanded access to substance use treatment and peer support services led by people with lived experience—individuals who are uniquely equipped to build trust and engage people who have historically been disconnected from care. These services have helped reduce overdoses, connect people to harm reduction resources, and improve public safety, including decreases in low-level, substance-related crime.

Measure 110 funding has also created employment opportunities for people in our community, including those in recovery, while allowing programs like ours to reduce barriers to treatment and reintegration for individuals involved in the criminal justice system. We have seen increased access to basic needs assistance, improved stability for participants, and tangible progress toward reducing homelessness.

Providers and communities have spent years building capacity, infrastructure, and relationships under this system. SB 1583 would destabilize these efforts by shifting oversight and funding in ways that disrupt treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and deflection services. Abrupt structural changes risk undermining trust, interrupting care, and leaving people without the support they rely on.

Rather than creating instability through major governance changes, Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs, improving coordination, and refining data systems to better demonstrate outcomes and accountability.

I urge you to oppose SB 1583 and to continue investing in the systems of care that are already making a difference in communities like Jackson County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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