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I am opposed to SB 1583 because it would significantly disrupt the care currently being provided to members of our community who rely on programs funded by Measure 110. I understand that there are concerns about the harm reduction model and questions about its effectiveness. As someone in recovery, I can speak directly to this: people do not stop using substances because they are told to, because it is against the rules, or because they risk being disqualified from a program. Recovery begins when a person reaches a point of genuine willingness—when desperation, clarity, and a deep internal shift motivate them to seek change.

Success in recovery is far more likely when individuals have access to consistent support. These supports often include peer mentors, drop-in centers, health clinics, medication-assisted treatment, and counseling. Measure 110 funding ensures that these resources remain available and accessible. When people can easily reach services without fear of punishment or exclusion, they are more empowered to take the difficult steps required to rebuild their lives.

I acknowledge that Measure 110 is not without flaws. However, imperfections are not unique to this legislation; every bill and every organization requires ongoing refinement. I urge you not to dismantle a system that is actively helping people, saving lives, and operating in full compliance with audits, documentation requirements, and regulatory standards. We are on the right path, and the progress being made is both meaningful and measurable.