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Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

My name is Laura Hall, and I am the founder and Executive Director of Project Patchwork. Project Patchwork is a transitional housing program for families in which a parent is in recovery from substance use disorder. Our mission is to prevent children from entering foster care and to support families in safely reunifying when foster care involvement has occurred.

We currently serve 27 families across five homes in the Metro area. With initial funding from Measure 110, we have served an average of 150 individuals per year. Sixty-five percent of our clients have successfully transitioned into stable housing while maintaining custody of their children.

Before founding Project Patchwork, I worked in Child Welfare for ten years. During that time, I frequently saw families struggle to rebuild their lives due to a lack of clean and sober transitional housing. Through this program, I have witnessed parents sustain recovery, children avoid the trauma of foster care, and families restore stability. We have even hired two former clients as peer support mentors, demonstrating the long-term impact of these services.

I am deeply concerned that shifting Measure 110 funding away from the Oregon Health Authority would disrupt our ability to seamlessly and continuously support the families we serve.

For these reasons, I am writing in opposition to **SB 1583**. This bill would destabilize the systems of care established under Measure 110 by shifting oversight and funding in a manner that could disrupt treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and deflection services.

Providers and communities have spent years building capacity, trust, and effective networks of care. Abrupt structural changes threaten the consistency of services and risk leaving individuals and families without the support they need.

Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs and improving data systems—not creating instability through major governance shifts. I respectfully urge you to oppose SB 1583.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
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