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Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

My name is Phillip Pickering, and I currently work as a Peer Support Mentor with Project Patchwork. I have been employed with the organization for over a year. Before joining the team, I was once a client in their housing program.

After completing inpatient treatment, I had no stable housing options, and my child was in foster care. Through this program, I was able to achieve sobriety, regain custody of my child, secure housing, and obtain employment. More importantly, I became a pro-social and contributing member of society. Project Patchwork played a critical role in supporting my recovery and helping my family reunify safely after foster care involvement.

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,

Phillip Pickering

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