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Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

My name is Melissa Lookingbill, and I am a Housing Manager with Project Patchwork. Prior to working for the organization, I was once a client in their program. I have worked in this field for six years; however, during the COVID-19 pandemic, my life fell apart. I entered Project Patchwork while experiencing homelessness, having just given birth, with nothing but my infant and the clothes on my back.

With the support of Project Patchwork, I was able to regain my recovery, secure stable housing, and obtain employment. Most importantly, my child welfare case was successfully closed, and my infant never entered foster care.

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,

Melissa Lookingbill

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