

# Max's Mission

Chair and Members of The Senate Committee on Judiciary

Max's Mission submits this testimony in opposition to SB1583. As a recipient of Measure 110 funding we are focused on saving lives in Southern Oregon through Naloxone Distribution and training and low barrier syringe exchange services. Through regular outreach in multiple locations we provide multiple services to desperate people including health care, treatment, recovery and housing. We have recorded more than 6000 overdose reversals with naloxone we have distributed since we started.

We understand that Measure 110 has not been perfect and like anything significant it has taken time to build and show results but to drastically change it now would be disastrous. We work closely with multiple other agencies across 3 counties, radically changing governance would severely impact and destabilize the system of care that is continuing to effectively serve so many in cities and rural areas across Oregon.

Ultimately Measure 110 provides Health Care which needs to be overseen by The Oregon Health Authority, the experts in this field, not criminal Justice. This is a huge step backwards to a system we know doesn't work and restigmatizing thousands across our State who have a substance use disorder.

We urge the Senate Committee to oppose SB 1583, prioritize stability, alignment with the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission's strategic plan while improving data infrastructure and sustained investment in organizations doing this work.

Sincerely

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