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I am writing in opposition to SB 1583. This bill would destabilize the systems of care built under Measure 110 by shifting oversight and funding in a way that disrupts treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and deflection services. Providers and communities have spent years building capacity and trust. Abrupt structural changes make it harder to deliver consistent care and risk leaving people without the services they need. Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs and improving data systems- not creating instability through major governance shifts. I urge you to oppose SB 1583. I have been in recovery 9 years now. I used to receive mental health services, housing, employment support, I am now off of disability and work full time providing for others as a Peer Support Specialist, Recovery mentor, and a Certified Addiction counselor. I work with the higher needs folks that may have been houseless, experienced mental health or addictions. I have worked with 2 folks for the past 3 years that were previously in the prison system, they are now celebrating recovery and working to improve themselves and their lives. Punishing people instead of supporting them through the process has not helped in the past but has increased the problem. There are times when incarceration is needed but it should not be the first response.