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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1583

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in opposition to SB 1583. Measure 110 funding has been invaluable to the work we do to support and help heal individuals and families in our communities. We have been able to provide outreach to the most rural parts of the counties we serve, reaching those suffering with SUD and mental health crises. We have referred many to treatment with the help of our BHRN partners and as a BIPOC organization Measure 110 funding has allowed us to serve the most underrepresented and marginalized populations. These are people we are talking about. Just about everyone knows someone or has a family member struggling with addiction. Funding cuts disrupt so much of what the BHRN has worked so hard to build and perfect. Measure 110 has also helped community partners collaborate more efficiently to provide wrap around support. We currently have a family that consists of a single mother and three children who is now housed, in recovery and healing from the traumas experienced as a houseless unit with the help of the BHRN. Her 14-year-old daughter was sexually assaulted by a stranger in the middle of the night while they were living in their vehicle. Please, please don't cut Measure 110. Oregon needs it so much!