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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. 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.

As a board member of Reclaiming Lives, Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee, Oregon NAADAC, and a local individual that has been in recovery for over 27 years, I strongly support others in urging the Senate Committee on Judiciary to oppose SB 1583. Recovery resources have improved substantially over the last 10 years. Shifting primary oversight to a criminal justice-oriented entity will disrupt the work already being done. I express concern, SB 1583, will destabilize the system that is already impacted by Medicaid cuts.

Thank you for considering my testimony.