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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and
Behavioral Health

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1573

I oppose SB 1573. If this bill passes it would shut down most of the SSPs in the central Oregon area and most rural SSPs throughout the state. These are areas that already have less access to SSPs than urban areas.

SSPs are proven to be beneficial to the communities they serve by decreasing the spread of blood borne pathogens, infections, and overdoses. They are often the only places where some people are able to safely deposit used syringes.

This bill is not aligned with evidence based public health. Please vote no on SB 1573.