

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation,

My name is Paula Minetti-Maboll and I am a retired nurse residing in Prineville, Crook County. I have lived here for six years and worked at St. Charles Prineville and Redmond prior to my retirement two years ago.

Working as an RN for over 40 years, I have seen the effects of drugs and mental health issues since the 1970s. I have very close friends who struggle with addiction, as well as mania and depression. They not only have problems with these diseases, but also suffer from isolation, lack of safety, and loss of familial trust and love. It is heartbreaking.

These problems are found across ethnic, socioeconomic, and racial communities. There is a dire need to standardize the level of our response and support for these communities, especially in the rural areas where access is not easily accessible.

Last November Oregonians passed Ballot Measure 110 by a 17-point margin. Voters recognized the need to shift to a health-based approach to addiction and voted to increase access to addiction treatment and recovery services. By fully implementing the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act, we have the opportunity to stand up for Oregon's values of racial equity, justice, and healing. We need to support our families and open up economic opportunities.

Please support SB 755; in doing so you will save lives and build a stronger Oregon.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Paula Minetti-Maboll