

Testimony for House Bill 3111- From Amber Lewis on behalf on The Miracles Club.

Good Morning to the Chair MS. Sanchez, Vice chair Ms. Moore- Green and to the committee-,

Good morning- My name is Amber Lewis and I am the peer program coordinator at The Miracles Club. I am a woman in long term recovery and what that means for me is that I have not used any mind-altering substances since Dec 1, 2014. I am here today to share support for this bill from myself and on behalf of the Miracles Club. The Miracles Club is a culturally specific recovery center in operation for over 25 years. With the addition of some safety and health precautions, we have been able to stay open throughout most of the pandemic. We host several in person recovery support meetings. We recognized that not all folks needing a recovery meeting were able to leverage technology to attend. We are an essential service for many folks. Recovery meetings can sometimes be the only light at the end of a very dark tunnel. I know that they were and continue to be part of my recovery program. In addition to hosting meetings, Recovery centers provide support and resources for folks who do not have anywhere or anyone else to turn to, using peer mentors. As the addiction rates continue to rise in Oregon this bill can help fund more Recovery Centers like the one that I love to work at every day.

Thank you for letting me share, this morning. Thank you to Rep Sanchez for sponsoring this bill.

Respectfully,

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