

Good Morning Chair Prozanski and members of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Social justice issues and most importantly the issue of racial justice has been a high priority for me for several years. When I was asked to work on the Measure 110 campaign, I readily volunteered because it gave me the opportunity to do something to help reduce racial inequity. I was happy when it passed in November, but now I am very concerned as I learn that it may not be fully funded. Oregon is at the bottom of the list of states that provide support for those with substance abuse issues. Now, because of Covid, this is worse.

I realize there are many programs which effect Oregonians that need funding, however to lessen the level of funding allocated in the Measure will have an adverse effect on all Oregonians. Providing those with substance abuse issues will help everyone — their families, co-workers, and the entire community. It will be of added benefits to those who are members of the BIPOC community — and reducing racial inequity is an important added benefit of this funding. Please support full funding for this measure.