

My name is Anna Ford, I live in Jackson County, Senate District 3, House District 5.

I am writing to ask that you implement full funding immediately for Measure 110 - the Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act.

Services for treatment have been defunded over the past 10 years by 85%, and we've used the criminal justice system to go to "cure" drug addiction. As a result of these policies, 1 in 10 Oregonians struggle with substance abuse disorder; We have over crowded jails, and addiction is on the rise. As of March of 2020, the OHA release a study revealing that there has been a [70% increase in overdose deaths](#) - that was before COVID and the fires.

Not funding or waiting to implement is going to continue this downward spiral.

Funding treatment, supporting our healthcare system, changes our community's chance of survival. The fires are not showing signs of stopping, Covid is mutating - we need to be mentally healthy, we need the energy from addiction to move to building and healing our families, communities and the planet.

We could be leaders in rural care. Southern Oregon already has amazing addiction service programs... OnTrack, Oasis, La Clinica, and [Asante's Skin on Skin program](#). All we need to do is properly fund these programs. We do not need to be driving people from Medford to Eugene or Medford to Portland for treatment. We do not need chronically exhausted underpaid service providers. We have intelligent and capable people, We have comprehensive services. We just need a bit of funding. Rural Areas deserve accessible rural services.