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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Measure: HB4016

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Cate and Kropf, and members of the House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity,

I was honored to serve as a chief petitioner for Measure 110 and I'm submitting testimony to oppose to the adoption of the -3 amendments to HB 4016.

I am not opposed to the substance of the amendment; I am fully opposed to its funding source because it would reduce access to critical harm reduction and addiction recovery services at a time when Oregon, and our entire nation, is battling an overdose crisis.

The -3 amendment of HB 4016 would cut Measure 110 services by \$29 million per biennium. In just six months, that same amount of money has helped over 16,000 people across Oregon access critical harm reduction and addiction recovery services. The funding for these services save and improve lives as \$31 million of M110 funding has already hired 115 behavioral health staffers, purchased 12 vehicles to provide mobile treatment and harm reduction services, and a 13 total housing units have been acquired to help people get off of the streets and into recovery. Cutting these funds will eliminate too many life-saving services and programs.

While the next \$270 million disbursed of M110 funds will help improve and save even more lives, this funding doesn't meet demands as the Oversight & Accountability Council received applications for \$390 million from service providers. Cutting any funding now, and going against the will of the voters at this time, is not a wise decision. Please oppose the -3 amendments.

Thank you.