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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Measure: HB4016

I oppose the adoption of the -3 amendment of HB4016. This amendment would take 29 million dollars from the funds of Ballot Measure 110. Ballot Measure 110 was approved by Oregon voters in 2021 by a 17 point margin. The recognition and desire of Oregon voters to provide much needed substance abuse/behavioral health treatment services here in Oregon should be respected. Removal of this money would reduce access to critical harm reduction and addiction recovery services. Per SMASHA OR ranks second in the nation for substance use disorder and 50th in addiction and recovery services. Ballot Measure 110 is designed to make much needed services available in EVERY county in Oregon. Per OPB Oregon ranks #1 for meth and opiate addiction. Every citizen in Oregon needs the opportunity to thrive and prosper. Up to this point people with addiction and behavioral health issues have been left with almost no opportunity for real recovery. Ballot Measure 110 was well thought out and creates services that fully support those who are motivated to recover from serious health problems. Lack of recovery truthfully keeps citizens of Oregon in a state of poor functioning, and frankly a long term drain on the state. It is urgent that we continue to fully fund Ballot Measure 110.