

Submitter: Virginia Tarango

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Measure: HB4016

I am providing testimony in opposition to the adoption of the -3 amendments to HB 4016. I voted in support of ballot measure 110 and I very much oppose the attempts to divert monies from the M110 services fund. Specifically, I do not oppose the substance of the HB 4016 -3 amendment; but I am fully opposed to its funding source because it would reduce access to critical harm reduction and addiction recovery services. The -3 amendment of HB 4016 would cut Measure 110 services by \$29 million per biennium.

Jobs have been created, 16,000 people have received services and 3 housing complexes and 10 tiny houses were purchased. These are examples of how the M110 funds have been applied to help people in need.

Oregon ranks second in the nation for substance use disorder and 50th in addiction and recovery services, the need to continue to fully fund Measure 110 services could not be more urgent. This is the absolute wrong time to make cuts. Oregon voters approved M110 by a 17 point margin. M110 is just getting started, and our behavioral health system is already strained by COVID-19. I call upon you to uphold the will of the voters and provide needed support to our struggling behavioral health system by rejecting any attempt to cut Measure 110 funding.

Regards,
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