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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110  
Implementation

Measure: SB1541

I writing to let you know that I fully supported the passage of ballot measure 110 and I very much opposed to the attempts to divert monies from the M110 services fund. Specifically SB1541 would take 120 Million dollars out of the Measure 110 services fund. This is unacceptable.

In the 6 months M110 has been in place 16,000 people have received services. Jobs have been created and 3 housing complexes and 10 tiny houses were purchased. These are a few 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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