

Submitter: Heather Coffman

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Measure: HB4016

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

My name is Heather Coffman and I am a Jackson County resident. I am writing to you today to urge you to oppose the -3 amendment of HB 4016. I am not opposed to the substance of the amendment, but I am fully opposed to its funding source. As proposed, this bill would reduce access to the essential harm reduction and addiction recovery services provided by Measure 110.

As a Rogue Valley resident, I know that addressing illegal cannabis operations in our area is an important issue that directly affects our community. But I absolutely do not support cutting M110 funding to make this happen. In the Rogue Valley, we are seeing a crisis in terms of substance use, which has gotten worse due to the pandemic. Measure 110 funding will be dispersed to service providers next month and will provide better access to low-barrier treatment, recovery and harm reduction services. These services are absolutely essential for our community.

I believe that the illegal cannabis enforcement operations must be addressed with another funding source, not M110 funding. This is an issue that has had an impact on our community in the Rogue Valley, and I believe that we should be thinking about solutions such as those proposed in HB 4016. But we cannot address this issue at the expense of the lifesaving services that Measure 110 provides.

Please vote NO on the -3 amendment to use M110 funding for illegal cannabis enforcement operations. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Heather Coffman