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Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke & Walters, and committee members:

I am writing on behalf of Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) to express our strong opposition to House Bill 2089, which would strip at least \$40 million from Measure 110 funding that voters directed toward addiction-treatment services.

Substance-use disorder (SUD) is one of the primary drivers of the HIV epidemic. Furthermore, SUD disproportionately impacts LGBTQ+ people, but there are not nearly enough LGBTQ-affirming SUD treatment services. Funding from Measure 110 is already addressing these issues. For example, funds from the measure are enabling CAP's LGBTQ+ health center, Prism Health, to significantly expand our addiction-treatment services by hiring Medication-Assisted Treatment providers and other staff.

Diverting dollars from Measure 110-funded services, as HB 2089 proposes, would threaten new SUD services like ours. Indeed, it would threaten the entire implementation of Measure 110 just as it is gaining momentum. Addiction is an entrenched, complicated issue; progress on it will require time and consistent effort, especially because Oregon has historically not adequately invested in addiction services. What CAP and other addiction-services providers need now is strong, stable funding, not cuts and a lack of commitment. We urge you not to advance this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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