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On Behalf Of: Parrott Creek Child and Family Services
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB2089

Dear Chair & Committee Members,

We strongly oppose HB 2089 as it is misguided and threatens the implementation of voter-approved Measure 110.

Yes, we can all agree that the roll-out and implementation of M110 was problematic and badly mismanaged by the Oregon Health Authority. However, we now have millions of dollars now contracted with community-based services which is massively expanding access to low-barrier and no-cost substance use treatment and support for those struggling with addiction in our communities. This funding IS having a positive effect!

HB 2089 would significantly decrease the funding for addiction services that providers have already been granted just as new programs are getting stood up. This is unconscionable for the people in crisis who are desperately seeking services, providers who are hiring staff and opening new programs to meet that need, and goes against the will of the voters who continue to support Measure 110's public health approach to substance use in Oregon.

With M110 funding, Parrott Creek Child and Family Services has been able to help dozens of additional clients who would otherwise not been served. We want to keep serving vulnerable members of our communities, to help keep them out of prison, to preserve families intact, to help them maintain employment and to save tax-payer money in the future.

Please do not pass HB 2089.

Thank you.

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