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HB 2089

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Walters and Reschke, and members of the House Revenue Committee,

For the record, my name is Ron Williams, I reside in Portland, Oregon House District 45.

I am a member of the Measure 110 Oversight and Accountability Council, which is responsible for providing grants and funding to establish Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRNs) in every county and Access to Care grants. BHRN and Access to Care grantees provide the critical services made available by Measure 110 funding.

I am here as a member of the Council, but I am not speaking on behalf of the council. I am speaking as a person in long term recovery, who knows firsthand the benefits of peer support, detox, and accessible for housing for people seeking to improve the quality of their live through addiction recovery services.

I am here today in opposition to HB 2089. This bill would be devastating to Measure 110 funded addiction recovery services across the state at a time when access to addiction recovery services should be prioritized and expanded.

Measure 110 funding has established networks of providers in every county working together to ensure folks who want and need peer support, housing along a continuum, low barrier treatment like detox and sobering, residential inpatient care for the uninsured and categorically ineligible for Medicaid, harm reduction and supported employment, can receive those services.

According to OHA's own data collection and reporting, more that 60,000 people have received Measure 110 services across the state in the first year of implementation. Many of these providers are small organizations receiving state funding for the first time. Many of these organizations provide peer support services, housing, harm reduction and other services to culturally specific communities.

This bill would take away an estimated \$30-40 million dollars away from Measure 110 funding, which would drastically and negatively impact delivery of addiction recovery services and cause programs to shut down just as they are beginning to show meaningful results.

At a time when deadly drugs are prevalent and overdoses are skyrocketing, this is not time to cut addiction services. I'm imploring you to preserve funding for these critical services. I promise you that live will be saved.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

I would be happy to answer any questions.

Ron Williams,

Member, Measure 110 Oversight and Accountability Council