

Submitter: Deena Feldes
On Behalf Of: Transcending Hope
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB2089

Transcending Hope is a non-profit 501C 3 organization based in Hillsboro Oregon which provides recovery housing for persons who identify with substance use disorder and Mental Health. I Deena Feldes, Executive Director identify as a bi-racial Latina woman in long term recovery (19 years), I am also a mother of 6 children and a son who battles with a diagnosis of Schizophrenia and Substance Use Disorder (Meth and Fentanyl). Transcending Hope is now Tri County due to the measure 110 funding; we have 19 homes tri county and are opening 5 more. Transcending Hope provides housing for our underserved populations, diverse populations, and culturally specific Latinx populations. We are the second housing provider in the Tri County area to open Latinx housing. We serve families, woman, woman with children, men, men with children. Transcending Hope is providing transitional housing for stabilization, structure, goal setting, and a starting point of healing from generational Trauma. Transcending Hope and its diverse staff are impacting the community by supporting our program participants and creating transitional plans into permanent housing. This is the first year Transcending Hope has been funded through Measure 110, we have strengthened our infrastructure with a diverse staff who are all certified with either or CRM, CADCI, PSS, PWS. If measure 110 is ripped from our community, you will be dismantling what all community partners have feverishly been working towards. For us to face the insanity of substance use disorder, implement needed and lifesaving services, then have it dismantled would be devastating. I and my community partners are supporting a community ripple effect which reduces homelessness, hospital visits, recidivism, increases economy, and puts a stop to generational trauma. Community partners are working together to support our most vulnerable populations and allowing the funding to be decreased would stop the process of increasing ALL recovery services. Thank you for hearing me and Transcending Hope opposes measure HB 2089.