

RE: Support HB 2513  
House Committee on Behavioral Health Care

March 28, 2023

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, and members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health Care,

My name is Marisol De La Torre, and I live in Albany, OR. I am writing to testify in strong support of HB 2513 which addresses the core values essential to advancing and improving Measure 110.

Through Measure 110, more than 60,000 Oregonians have been able to access services. HB 2513, the Hope and Recovery bill, keeps our state's commitment to increase the availability of free, local services for people struggling with substance use. Data shows a public health approach to substance use and addiction is the most effective, the most humane, and has the greatest impact on our communities.

HB 2513 will:

- Improve the effectiveness, transparency, and accountability in the Oregon Health Authority's administration of Measure 110 by improving timelines for audits, right-sizing funding for Measure 110 implementation, and ensuring that public reports are timely, relevant and accessible.
- Consolidate Oregon's substance use hotlines to reduce confusion and unnecessary administrative overhead.
- Improve the long-term effectiveness of the Oregon Accountability Council's grantmaking through better grant-making processes, and preservation of expertise through staggered terms.
- Ensure the viability of Measure 110 funding now and into the future.

Please ensure that HB 2513 is passed out of committee.

Thank you,

Marisol