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Co-chairs Steiner and Sanchez, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Tom Sorrells. I am the Chief of Substance Use Disorder Services for Adapt Integrated Healthcare. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of a strong, strategic, 2023-25 biennium budget that protects Measure 110 funding for addiction treatment services.

Our agency provides primary healthcare, mental health services and substance use disorder treatment, and we operate in 4 counties of southern Oregon (Douglas, Coos, Josephine, and Curry). Our mission is to provide these services to the most vulnerable and indigent members of the communities in which we operate, and Measure 110 funding has been critical for us in accomplishing that mission. This funding is vital for many reasons, but the following are prime examples:

- Access to SUD services is the greatest challenge to recovery. Certified Recovery Mentors funded by Measure 110 have had great success in connecting clients to treatment and other resources without regard to billing. This gives much a wider scope and greater effectiveness to peer delivered services, one of the most impactful and important supports in all of SUD treatment.
- Using Measure 110 funding to increase our Peer workforce has greatly expanded access to treatment, employment, housing, and other resources for all our clients, including the most vulnerable and difficult to reach. One of our BHRN funded Peers in Grants Pass told me just the other day that they have now personally helped over 2 dozen clients in SUD treatment to get jobs over the course of the last month.
- Infrastructure projects that increase capacity for residential care, housing, and other critical services for SUD clients rely heavily on Measure 110 funding. These projects help provide the most needed supports and highest levels of SUD treatment available and are vital to our mission. Funding to expand and build on these efforts is essential.

For all these reasons and more, Measure 110 funding is crucial for creating larger capacity for, and greater access to, SUD treatment in Oregon. The counties that we serve have all benefited tremendously from increased peer services, opportunities for housing and residential care, employment supports, and better access to treatment since these funds were awarded. These funds are saving lives every day and are absolutely critical. Please keep Measure 110 funding at its current service level. Thank you for this opportunity to address the committee.

