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To: Chair Hai Pham
Vice-Chair Darcy Edwards
Vice-Chair Cyrus Javadi
Members of the House Behavioral Health Committee

From: Maya López, MD, FAPA, Co-Chair
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RE: Position Statement on HB 4110, Ibogaine

Chair Pham, Vice-Chairs Edwards and Javadi and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Maya López, I'm a forensic psychiatrist and co-chair of the Oregon Psychiatric Physicians Association Legislative Committee (OPPA). The OPPA, a district branch of the American Psychiatric Association, was established in 1966. OPPA serves as the organization for Oregon's medical doctors specializing in psychiatry who work together to ensure effective treatment for persons with mental illness, including substance use disorders, and compassion for them and their families.

OPPA opposes HB 4110, which allows an attending physician to provide ibogaine to a patient for the patient's consumption to treat certain disorders. Ibogaine is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for any medical condition. It causes low blood magnesium levels which can cause sudden death due to the cardiac complications cited in the bill. The bill does provide that the consumption of ibogaine must occur in a controlled setting with a health care provider who is experienced in managing cardiac complications on site but that is not enough. When someone goes into cardiac arrhythmia, that's an emergency needing an ED or hospital level of intervention, such as a full "crash cart" containing emergency medications, a defibrillator, and intubation equipment and a team that can activate a Code Blue, which is the code used when there is a medical emergency in a healthcare setting.

As the medical experts in psychiatric care, we are concerned about determining medical treatment by legislation. Such treatment should be evidence-based and determined solely by professional standards of care. Science does not yet indicate that Ibogaine is a safe medical treatment for mental health conditions. Treating patients with mental health and substance use disorders is complex and we urge you to prioritize the safety of Oregonians and wait for conclusive scientific evidence.

We urge you not to pass this bill. Thank you.

