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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2395-A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I am submitting the following vote explanation:

“I have been heavily invested in the conversations surrounding the Opioid epidemic as it has had a devastating effect on my friends, family and community. While there are many powerful tools in this package that I do support, actions that will save lives, I could not vote in favor of this bill. This has been touted as this session’s big opioid victory, however throughout the conversations surrounding this bill, long term recovery and support for getting off drugs was left by the wayside.

I cannot in good conscience support legislation that does not adhere to the intent and will of the voters to help their fellow citizen find a better quality of life. If all we are doing is enabling the cycle of addiction, we are not doing right by our citizens. We need to do better, and I hope that by not supporting this legislation I can get the conversation around long term recovery started. My goal is that a person not need to be administered a short-acting opioid antagonist, and instead can live free of the drain and pain that comes with addiction.”

Sincerely,

Representative Lily Morgan