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I am an Alumni of Oxford House Meldrum Park in Gladstone Oregon

I am opposed to bill HB 2239. The certification process and standards of Oxford House Incorporated should be held on equal footing as the NARR certification.

I currently have over 23 years clean and sober largely due to the Oxford House program. I moved in in 2002, and spent quite a few years at Meldrum Park Oxford house.

While I was there, I successfully exited corrections, received multiple college degrees, and for the last 12 years I have been an educator at a local Community College. Without Oxford House as stable long-term housing none of this would have been possible.

I believe there to be a great need for several different Recovery Housing options in the State of Oregon, and Oxford House was the only one that has worked for me.

Oxford House and the true Democratic, Self Supportive Model, of one person in recovery helping another was and continues to be a life changing opportunity for several throughout the State of Oregon. Currently Oxford House has 236 houses in 24 counties serving over 2000 members.

Please keep our organization on an even footing with the other housing organizations. We are not in any way second tier, we are top shelf recovery. For many years, tried and true, Oxford House is the real deal.

Thank you for reading this,
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