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I am an alumni of Oxford House Riverbend in Eugene Oregon.

I am opposed to House Bill 2239

I believe that a core value of the Oxford house model and the main factor that it has a higher success rate than other models is that it is primarily run by its members as a democratic unit.

We as members were held accountable by our peers with a simple list of absolute rules. This allows the house to become independent in their recovery journey and teaches the members to work within a community by supporting each-other consecutively. I would not have gained the personal and spiritual growth I found in Oxford if it were not run by its members. I literally learned how to be part of a team and eventually part of my community in Oxford house Riverbend.

I lived at Riverbend Oxford for the first two years of sobriety and I now have four years of continuous sobriety. The Oxford house model works and produces long term success, I strongly believe it should not be restricted or interfered with.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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