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House Committee Members,

I am writing to you today about HB2239, relating to adopting certification standards for recovery residences. There are two nationally respected organizations that certify recovery housing, Oxford Houses (OH) and the National Alliance of Recovery Residences (NARR). Choosing only one model would hurt Oregon.

Oxford Houses (OH) certifies charters for recovery houses that are democratically operated. There are no managers or staff. House members answer to each other for sobriety and behaviors. Oxford Houses demonstrate better long-term abstinence rates than other models.

NARR standards are based on for-profit businesses. These recovery businesses must have in-house staff and managers. Oxford Houses and NARR businesses thus have very different templates. This is why I oppose HB2239.

I have a daughter who lived in Oxford housing. She found the supportive community she needed to maintain sobriety and grow as an individual. She has been clean and sober for over 15 years. Oxford Houses have been saving lives for over 50 years.

Sincerely,

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