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Written testimony for Bill HB 8040

Honorable Representatives-

I write in support of the recovery housing Bill HN8040

I'm a resident of Rhode Island. I'm a 46 years old working Mom and I have been sober for almost 10 years.

I'm now working in the housing sector and giving back to the community that saved my life.

I am a mom of a wonderful 8 year oldr.

I've turned my life from a story of addiction and feeling defeated into one of success and promise for the future.

I now use my experience to help those who are still struggling.

None of this would be possible if it hadn't been for the availability of recovery housing when I found the path I needed to be free from addiction.

The struggle of finding housing after a recovery program is a real one.

Sober living is necessary and needs to be available. Protecting these housing options are vital to the success of those who are battling addiction.

Sober houses are imperative to the success of addicts who have found the determination and willpower to continue the path of sobriety.

The support and effort and funding for sober houses are the starting point to turn the trajectory of an addict's life into one of possibility and hope, these efforts have a tangible result -because we do recover.

With respect -

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