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Health and Government Operations Committee  
Attn: Chair Shane E. Pendergrass

House Bill 611

I am a co-founder of Fresh Start Recovery Center, LLC in Gaithersburg MD. We are strong proponents of Vivitrol and it's use within our program. Currently we do not use agonist forms of medication assisted treatment within our program.

I support HB 611, but with amendments that include access to all MAT and that the hub be required to provide inpatient detoxification. These amendments would ensure patient centered care and a pathway for each medication. There is no "one size fits all" approach to addiction treatment, as stated in SAMHSA's Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) 63. This is further reinforced by the ASAM National Practice Guidelines which state that "the choice among available treatment options should be a shared decision between the clinician and the patient."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature

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