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HB 1249 - SUPPORT

Certified Recovery Residences - Refusing Services to Individuals Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment - Prohibition

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I strongly support HB 1249 because individuals receiving medication for opioid use disorder deserve equal access to safe, supportive recovery housing. Methadone and buprenorphine are evidence-based, lifesaving treatments and represent the standard of care for the treatment of opioid use disorder. Denying admission to a certified recovery residence solely because someone is following a physician's treatment plan which includes medicine undermines medical best practice and places individuals at unnecessary risk of relapse and overdose. Recovery housing should reinforce treatment plans developed by qualified clinicians, not override them.

This bill is a practical and compassionate step toward reducing stigma and aligning policy with science. By prohibiting discrimination against individuals receiving medication-assisted treatment, HB 1249 affirms that recovery is not one-size-fits-all and that people using evidence-based medications are fully engaged in legitimate recovery. Ensuring access to recovery residences for those on prescribed MOUD will strengthen continuity of care, improve outcomes, and ultimately help save lives in our communities.

Respectfully,



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