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## **HB 1249 SUPPORT**

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

Health Committee hearing: March 11, 2026

Broken No More is composed primarily of parents and other family members who have lost a loved one to overdose. Our goal is to support health-based drug policies that have been demonstrated to decrease overdose deaths so that no one else experiences the horrific pain of losing the one they love.

Broken No More strongly supports **HB 1249: Certified Recovery Residences - Refusing Services to Individuals Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment – Prohibition**

The only effective treatments for opioid use disorder are the medications methadone and buprenorphine. The use of these medications decreases the risk of overdose by 50% or more,<sup>1</sup> while the risk of overdose for those engaged in non-medication treatment is as great or greater than that of those who continue to use illegal opioids.<sup>2</sup> The rejection of these medications by recovery residences is, thus, not based on science, but ideology. And it is this acceptance of this ideology and the denial of science that causes parents to bury their children.

Recovery residences that refuse admission to those who are in treatment with the medications methadone and buprenorphine, that force their participants to taper off these medications, or that place arbitrary limits on the dosages are abdicating their most fundamental responsibility. That responsibility is to keep their participants healthy and alive. These recovery residences should be encouraging their participants with opioid use disorder to engage in treatment with these medications and to remain in treatment, not rejecting it.

Those of us at Broken No More know the horrific pain and grief of losing the ones we love to an overdose. To keep others from experiencing this same loss, we **support HB 1249**. To do less would be to dishonor the memory of those whom we have lost and an abandonment of our goal to keep others from burying the ones they love.

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