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**TESTIMONY ON HB#/0448- POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**Health Facilities - Certified Recovery Residences - Unannounced Inspections**

**TO:** Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0448, **Health Facilities - Certified Recovery Residences - Unannounced Inspections**

ProPublica has documented 30 deficiency reports in Maryland Health Facilities between July 2024 and August 2025.<sup>1</sup>

This bill will increase the frequency of unannounced bi-yearly inspections of these facilities and a revocation of a license unless noted problems are promptly resolved satisfactorily.

The bill meets this goal by requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct at least two on-site unannounced inspections of each certified recovery residence annually; authorizing the Department to direct the recovery residence credentialing entity to revoke the certification of a certified recovery residence that fails to correct a deficiency within 1 month after notice of the deficiency is provided; etc.

Maryland needs to protect and be the voice for those who depend on others for appropriate medical care. This bill makes clear that in Maryland we leave no one behind.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/0448.**

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<sup>1</sup> [https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/findings/all\\_deficiencies?state=MD](https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/findings/all_deficiencies?state=MD)