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I am writing regarding the concerns I have about ~~H.B. 5246~~ ACT /Sober Housing.

As a woman in recovery and a former inmate of York Correctional Institution, I feel this change will have an adverse effect on all the hard work and great stride the recovery community has made in recent years. I know that DMHAS, the Housing Coalition and the recovery community themselves have my safety and health as a priority and not as a financial statistic. I have personally witnessed the legislature in operation and each time the decision was based on money and not the human lives that would be affected by the outcome.

I am asking that this statute not be put in place as is will jeopardize access to housing for people who trying to recover their lives and become productive members of society. Again DMHAS, Recovery Housing Coalition and my recovery community can and will accommodate these needs.

Thank you,

Kathleen Wyatt 3/1/10