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*Good Morning, Senator Doyle, Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Human Services committee.*

*I am concerned about H.B. 5243, An Act Concerning Recovery Living Centers.*

*I am currently the manager of S&E Recovery Living Centers LLC. My job is to provide a clean, safe, structured living environment for men in recovery. I have been in recovery for years and can tell you that sober living is the key to creating a new beginning in our lives. Unfortunately there are not enough beds available in most communities.*

*Tenants are encouraged to attend 12 step meetings together, promoting comradeship and strengthen safe relationships within the Recovery community. Help with attaining Food stamps and Health insurance, and job searching IE: CT Works, Resume building. A person new to recovery needs to have close peer support. Being able to reach out to another person in recovery to address loneliness, concerns, family issues is paramount to the newcomer.*

*I am a member of CCAR, Recovery Coalition of Connecticut. I attend monthly coalition meetings. I have been inspected by CCAR. CCAR performs "Drop in visits" to address the tenants in attempt to make life in recovery desirable by the feedback that they receive and then forward their suggestions to coalition members.*

*Out side Licensing would adversely effect the recovering population.*

*Please do not put in place a statute that may well jeopardize access to housing for persons striving to rebuild their lives and become clean and sober members of society. Please consider working with DMHAS, The Recovery Housing Coalition of Connecticut and the recovery community to accommodate community needs.*

*Thank you.*

*R. Bruce Utman*