Good Morning, Senator Doyle, Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Human Services committee I am here today to express concerns about H.B. 5243 An Act Concerning Sober Homes

First I must say that a Sober House saved my Life There is no doubt in my mind about that. I have been dealing with my addictions since 1969, and have spent most of my Life in Prisons & Institutions with no chance of success!

I was released on March 12th 2009 after serving 10 years in Ct Prisons. I had no chance of success and yet an owner of a Sober House gave me a chance and because of the structured Living and support I recieved I have been clean & sober for almost a year

The Sober House I Live in has provided me with a Safe invirement and support in my recovery that is non-Existent any place I have been before

Please do not put in place a statue that may well jeopardize access to housing for persons striving to recover there lives and become productive members of society. Please consider working with DMHAS, the Recovery Housing Coalition of CT. and the recovery community to accomodate community needs

Thank You