

Good morning, Senator Doyle, Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Human Services Committee. I am here today to express opinion about H.B. 5243 An Act Concerning Sober Houses.

My name is Victor Feliciano and I have been in recovery from alcohol and drugs addiction for almost 13ten years.

Thanks to a safe and sober environment like a sober house I have been able to stay sober this period of time. My experience in a sober house was very welcoming...it enabled me to built my way to become myself as a person that is responsible, then moving on to my own place, play my bills and appreciate that starting my journey in recovery was based on giving myself a fair chance and understanding that the experience living in a sober house the a tremendous gift.

If for some reason this becomes a law I believe that anything that makes it more difficult to get, lessens the number of people they can serve. Please leave well enough alone.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Victor Feliciano