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AN ACT EXPANDING COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

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Dear Senator Hartley, Senator Kelly and Respective Committee Members,

I am writing testimony on H.B. #6887 An Act Expanding Coverage For Mental Health Care Services and Substance Abuse Services.

I am a certified Recovery Support Specialist and obtained the certification with Recovery University which Advocacy Unlimited facilitates. I share with you that this bill concerns me the way it is written.

We at Advocacy Unlimited are dedicated to always expanding Peer Support. Besides, as I mentioned have the Recovery University program we also have the Community Bridger program and we host the statewide Peer Forum.

Peer support value is a critical piece of improving lives and having the real human connection.

As a person in recovery myself, I would not be where I am today without peer support.

I ask you please to look at this bill's language and not allow the value of peer support be jeopardized and not entrust the services of peer support to insurance infrastructure.

Thank you for allowing me to testify and share my concerns on this bill.

Kindly, Joanie Masot