

Insurance and Real Estate Committee
February 27, 2020

Testimony in Support of:

H.B. No. 5248, H.B. No. 5254, An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study Health Insurance Coverage for Peer Support Services In This State.

H.B. No. 5254, An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage For Medication-Assisted Treatment For Opioid Use Disorder

H.B. No. 5256 An Act Concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage For Detoxification And Substance Abuse Services

Co-Chairs Scanlon and Lesser; Vice Chairs Dathan and Hartley; Ranking Member Pavalock-D'Amato and Kelly; and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

My name is Ronald Abell.

I see way too much of the young generation getting mixed up in all these drugs. When they were young they were such nice, helpful human beings and always wanted to join the fun. Now they are strung out and don't know what they are doing or saying half the time they don't even know who you are. In my days neighbors watched out for each others kids and if they needed a swift kick in the butt they got it from all of us. Now you cant even get involved. We need help for these kids and it starts from the higher ups. Please help to get these kids back to the way it was when people cared about them like they were there own children. Thank You .

I am urging you to consider these bills to ensure insurance companies are required to provide help to those seeking services and to utilize MAT as a standard form of treatment, the data suggests this is one of the most successful ways to help those recovering from addiction.