

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 Leah Hulse.*

*I personally have watched so many of my friends i have grew up with either die or ruined their lifes with these drugs. My uncle died 5 years ago from drugs. I have had a cousin die from drugs. I have multiple cousins right now actively using drugs. I know a lot of people i grew up with do these same drugs. This is a huge issue. These drugs are so normalized i feel like now just because it is everywhere and so easy to get Ahold of. Noone else should have to go through any of what it brings. The person using or the people around the user.*

*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.*