

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 Maddy Morrissey.*

*My 25 year old sister has OD a couple of times and she went to rehab for it. When my sister was at rehab my brother Brian helped me get through the pain but on 8/10/19 is when my world just had a heart attack. I lost my best friend, the person who made me happy, my brother Brian cody a 20 year old with 2 girls and he only met one. NO 12 YEAR OLD OR ANYONE should go through this, it hurts and for me I don't think it will heal. I try to think happy thoughts but in Reality it's not the people who take the drugs fault it's the feninayl that the evil people put in the drug. Also before my brothers passing he tried to get the help but the insurance didn't pay for it. It is important to realize that rehab doesn't just get you help and can also hurt you because if insurance doesn't cover it. That's what happens to my brother and look where he is now... he's dancing in the sky*

*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.*