

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 Melissa Storms .

I myself is a alcoholic in recovery never knew how bad the epidemic was until I went to rehab I would love to see insurance companies help pay for people that are trying to get on the right track even though I live in N.Y I've seen two of my cousins from Connecticut lose there children to this opioid addiction Mindy Kovac An Brian Cody and it is very heartbreaking you need to make stiffer laws on the dealers An people that run these trap houses 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.