

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 Naomi Ulisse.*

*Hi, my name is Naomi. I am 13 years old. My mom was addicted to alcohol and drugs. I remember when she always sad and dizzy. Me and my brothers use to pray she gets better in front of a tree we planted. I was scared when police and ambulances came to the house. My mom is now sober for over 4 years. The trip we took to North Carolina after she came from hospital changed everything.*

*I am so happy that my mom started Glorious Recovery. We do so many fun things together. She has million of friends. I hope you can help everyone with addiction. I don't want anyone to be sad. Please tell them to call my mom. She will help them. My mom is the best mom in the whole universe.*

*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.*