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Good afternoon Chair Barker, Vice-chairs Barton and Krieger and members of the committee,

I support my full support for the bill at hand. This bill does not just offer amnesty for caring for my peers- it offers peace of mind for those who find their friends in a dire situation.

Two years ago, a friend of mine who lived in the residence halls, who was a minor at the time, drank too much and needed medical attention. Now, the system is supposed to have safeguards here: the situation is brought to the attention of a resident advisor and resident director, who then take appropriate steps to ensure proper medical attention is provided. However, this did not happen.

Since this friend went out with her peers, she was brought home, and soon stopped responding to others, and foamed at the mouth. However, for fear of being caught, the friends tried to “take care” of her in a room, and when the resident advisor came to see what was going on, they locked to lock the door and tried to not let the RA in. This put my friend in a very bad situation, as she was put in danger because her friends feared repercussions for themselves and her. I wish situations like this will not happen again. Fortunately, she was okay, but it was very close.

Please support this bill. It is more than medical amnesty; it is about minors giving their peers the proper medical attention that is required. Health care such as this should not be dismissed due to feared legal repercussions- it should be taken when necessary.

Thank you for time, and I urge you to support this bill.

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