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I am an Alumni of Jackson Oxford House in Medford Oregon where I lived for 3.5 years becoming Alumni in 2012.

I am strongly opposed to bill HB 2239
The certification process and standards of Oxford House Incorporated should be held on equal footing as the NARR certification.

I believe there to be a great need for several different Recovery Housing options in the State of Oregon. Oxford House and the true Democratic, Self Supportive Model, of one person in recovery helping another was and continues to be a life changing opportunity for several throughout the State of Oregon. Currently Oxford House has 236 houses in 24 counties serving over 2000 members.

Oxford House saved my life and gave me direction. I entered Oxford House unemployed with a high-school education. Oxford House gave me a voice in how our home was ran. Our democratic system within the home taught me to use my voice. It taught me that I have a say in my future and my recovery. Those choices gave me the strength to move forward. Thanks to Oxford House giving me a safe place to live, learn, teaching me responsibilities and holding me accountable. I was able to grow and become who I am today. I now hold a Masters Degree in Social Work and have been a gainfully employed, voting, tax paying member of society. Oxford House also gave me a Family I can count on. I have been an Alumni for over a decade and have maintained strong ties to Oxford House. Why am I still involved over a decade later? Because I remember where I came from and without what I experienced within My Oxford House, I would either been dead or in jail right now.
And neither of those options pay taxes...
Oxford House Works!!!

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