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My name is Andrew Ponkevitch. I am in long term recovery and am a member of Oxford House. I am in opposition to HB2239 because removing the autonomy from the membership of Oxford Houses to self govern their houses would undermine a model that has been successful since 1975.

The facts bear out that the members of Oxford House are very capable of living according to sound recovery principles. The facts also show that Oxford is very successful in helping addicts find long term recovery far and above any other substance abuse interventions.

Why mess around with something that is working so successfully.

Sincerely Andrew