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To whom it may concern

I am currently a resident of the Bay Coos Oxford House in Coos Bay, Oregon. Before coming to Oxford House, I transitioned from Bay Area First Step, and since moving here, my life and recovery have improved significantly. Oxford House has provided me with a stable, supportive, and self-governing environment that has been instrumental in my journey toward sobriety and personal growth.

I am writing to express my opposition to Bill HB2239. The certification process and standards of Oxford House International (OHI) should be held on equal footing with NARR certification. Oxford House is one of the few places in Coos County that accepts individuals on Trans Leave from prison, offering them a chance to reintegrate into society and rebuild their lives. This unique model of self-supporting and self-governing recovery housing has been vital in helping people like me achieve long-term success in recovery.

Oxford House has not only helped me maintain sobriety but also taught me valuable life skills through its peer-driven structure. It is a crucial resource for individuals seeking recovery and deserves continued support without unnecessary restrictions or changes to its certification standards.

Thank you for considering my comments.

William Patterson