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I am a member of Westmoreland Oxford House in Eugene, Oregon

I am opposed to HB 2239.

I believe that the certification process and standards of Oxford House Incorporated should be held on equal footing as the NARR certification.

I have had many failures in my recovery journey, but due to the presence of Oxford in inpatient treatment centers, such as Serenity Lane, I was able to make an informed decision to move into an Oxford house and save my life. The democratic model encourages involvement and responsibility, something I was lacking, and knowing that we are all equals and in this together greatly influenced my decision to choose the Oxford model. My sobriety, financial stability, and self worth have all greatly been improved due to the particular way that Oxford is set up. I do not know if I would have chosen sober living with a different model of operation. I am now sober, employed, and repairing relationships in my life. I do not believe I could have achieved this without Oxford. I would be happy to provide more information on the positive impact the option of choosing the Oxford model has granted me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Jillian McNeal