I come from CA and had never heard of an Oxford House until I moved here and worked at Serenity Lane. I cannot tell you how many patients who have made the difficult decision to either stay longer to wait for a bed, or be willing to take time to gain a solid foundation so they are on stable ground when they go home to their family. I have patients of mine that have lived there for a very long time and are coming up on 2-3 years sober.

## I am 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.

Sobriety is a life of death situation and I find that this bill is going to g to be detrimental to so many people just trying to live a sober life.

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