



**TO:** Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response

**FROM:** 4D Recovery

**RE:** House Bill 2506

Dear Co-Chairs Kropf and Prozanski, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sara Barger, and I serve as the Director of Public Affairs and Relations at 4D Recovery.

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder are one of the most effective interventions we have to intervene on people addicted to opioids and reduce the negative and often devastating effects. For too long, these medications have been stigmatized and overly regulated, causing improper use and limited access.

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder are similar to medications used to help people quit nicotine, yet Nicorette gum and Nicotine Patches are never debated on their morals; people engaging in these treatments are celebrated, and it is past time we do the same for medications that help people quit addictive and often illicit opioids.

The research shows that short-term utilization of these medications creates an extreme risk of relapse and overdose. People often have lapses in medication coverage during critical transitions, and this bill ensures policies are developed to minimize subpar service delivery to people who can recover from their addiction when provided ample opportunities.

4D Recovery strongly supports this bill and urges the committee to do the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,**

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