

## Testimony for HB 427 Community and Faith-Based Addiction Recovery Bill

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Chairman Ginter, Vice Chair LaTourette, Ranking Member Boyd, and member of the house Community and Family Advancement Committee than you for giving me the opportunity to speak today in support of Substitute House Bill 427. My name is Belinda Bradbeer and I am the Founder of Clean Start Help for Addicts and Families of Addicts.

- I am in favor of Section 3705.161- This helps to show communities hope if the numbers are declining. And it needs to show all others there's a need for more measures to get addiction under control.  
We also need an accurate referral number for people to call. I get many calls myself stating there's no clear information on \*211. I get many calls stating if my number was listed with in \*211 they could have gotten help months ago.
- I am in favor of Section 5119.63 with some thoughts, Non-Profits Faith Based don't always have the funding to supply materials for recovery so, having a grant program could help in positive ways. However, I'm not sure that A Chief Police officer or officers delegate, the attorney General, or any combination would have the knowledge of each place that would submit for this grant or, know what they're about or, what their program is about. Unless there are certain guidelines that are set in place and then those can be determined by the Organization requesting funding and then the Department can verify the Organizations Program.
- I am in favor of Section 5119.64 Clean Start transports on a regular basis, hours away as Heritage House does too. This is by Car and by purchasing Flights for recovery, Faith Based out of State. To have available grants for this could make the difference on where the individual goes for help. This bill could help save many more lives. To allow Grants to reimburse participants for the costs they incur in traveling to program, meetings or activities is huge. Some new into recovery worry about those exact things they have no jobs and are just finding their way.
- I'm in favor of Section 5119.65 if the department of Mental Health and Addiction are only Administering the grant part of the program, and not the program itself. Being established in some form in the community before being able to apply for the grant is a good idea. Just to protect fly by nights.

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