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Madam Chair Anielski, Members of the House State and Local Government Committee.

My name is Belinda Bradbeer and I am the Founder of Clean Start Help for Addicts and Families of Addicts.

As someone who works in the treatment field with a variety of Treatment Centers including Faith Based, I can Testify that when there is relapse its usually because they were not accepting God in their life. They don't usually understand or realize that until they've gone back to treatment again, or have found a church with a great family, that teaches them about God.

I have also seen those go through traditional treatment and constant relapse. Then they go to a Faith based where they learn deeper about God and how important having God in your life and in recovery is. I've watched success this way and with Traditional Treatment Centers who have Faith based programs included.

Those doing well in recovery will tell you that God was a missing piece or their main piece to recovery.

Faith Based Facilities offer many things, Life changing experiences, Job ethics, education of the bible which will and can be used on daily basis. No Insurance required. Nothing needing verified other than your basic background. No limit on beds, faster to get into.

Bringing in Faith Based will help with the impact affecting our society and the overwhelming strain that is placed on our state's resources. We have many churches coming together to support those in recovery so it's a win-win for Faith Based.

I'm currently working with 2 different church organizations one consisting of the UNO Missions which has 27 churches involved and the other being of the Christ Ministries. I'm currently working to merge these 2 Church Organizations together to become one entity of resources. 1of the Church's has the space and we will be working together to get a Faith Based Center up and running soon.

We will be putting together a book (The CALL) of what each church has to offer for those in recovery, or needing recovery, and what the Family needs and where they can get help. We will also have help for those who aren't quite ready for Faith based.

We need to touch on every avenue to conquer this epidemic. There is no end in sight.

We need to give people hope that change is coming.

We need God to fight this epidemic, what better way than bringing the Faith Based Facilities here to Ohio.

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