

Dear Chairman Click and members of the Community Revitalization Committee,

My name is Jeremy Adams. I am a Navy SeaBee veteran and a resident Scioto County, Ohio. I am writing to share my concerns about the dangerous and deteriorating conditions in our community due to the influx of poorly regulated recovery homes. While I understand the importance of providing services to those in need, the current lack of oversight has created serious safety issues, lowered property values, and compromised the well-being of my family and neighbors.

My family and I have endured multiple traumatic experiences. One evening, my wife and daughter were leaving our driveway around 9 PM when they were confronted by two residents from the recovery home. These individuals demanded a ride and then began pulling on my wife's car door handle. Thankfully, she was able to drive away and immediately called the police.

On another occasion, after returning home, we pulled into our driveway only to see a male resident from the facility trying to break into our front door. We sat in the car, watching in fear as the situation unfolded. This is not something any family should have to experience.

Additionally, rehab residents have tampered with our property, including placing suggesting items in our mailbox. These ongoing trespasses have further eroded our sense of security. We cannot even rely on emergency services at times, as facility visitors often block access roads, making it difficult for ambulances and other responders to reach those in need.

These problems have also had a significant financial impact. Property values in our area have declined because of the negative reputation and public disturbances caused by these facilities. Families in our community feel trapped, unable to sell their homes or attract new buyers due to these safety concerns.

While I recognize the need for rehabilitation services and support, Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) protections for vulnerable individuals, these facilities cannot be allowed to operate without proper regulation. Recovery homes should be required to follow strict health and safety protocols to protect both their residents and the surrounding community. Without this accountability, the balance between supporting recovery efforts and protecting local families is broken. The certificate of need is crucial in this bill.

As a veteran raising my children, I deserve to live in a safe and secure environment. My family and my neighbors cannot continue to endure these conditions. We need urgent action to restore peace, safety, and stability to our community. Allowing the locals at our ADAMHS board to issue fines and revoke licenses of bad actors is important because they know all the nuances unlike the current centralized system that has failed us. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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