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The Honorable Justin Pizzulli
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Subject: Letter of Support for Recovery Housing Reform Legislation

Dear Representative Pizzulli,

On behalf of the Adams County Board of Commissioners, we are writing to express our strong support for your proposed legislation to regulate Ohio's recovery housing industry. This initiative is critical for rural communities like ours, which have been disproportionately impacted by the unregulated growth of recovery housing facilities.

Adams County, one of Ohio's most economically disadvantaged areas, faces significant strain on our emergency services due to the increasing demand placed on fire, EMS, and law enforcement resources by unregulated treatment facilities. While we fully support individuals seeking treatment and recovery, the unchecked expansion of these facilities places an unsustainable burden on our already limited resources.

Your legislation, which would empower the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to assess regional needs and allow local ADAMHS boards to conduct inspections and enforce compliance, represents a crucial step in providing oversight and ensuring accountability. This will protect both residents and patients while preventing bad actors from exploiting vulnerable individuals.

We strongly support this legislative effort and urge its swift passage. Thank you for your leadership in addressing this critical issue. We look forward to collaborating on creating a balanced and effective recovery housing system in Ohio.

Sincerely,

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