

STATE OF DELAWARE STATE COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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The Honorable John Carney, Governor John McNeal, Director SCPD

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 29, 2023

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate

and House of Representatives

FROM: Mr. Benjamin Shrader, Chairperson

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: HS 1 for HB 114 (Recovery Housing)

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed HS 1 for HB 114 which would eliminate the reference to MAT.

The SCPD has the following concern:

• This bill still continues to attempt to exempt certified recovery houses (Oxford Houses are excluded from this definition) from the Landlord Tenant Code. The only protections for residents in the bill are that they are notified of the rules of the house, and whatever protections are ultimately part of the "nationally recognized standards" that DSAMH in theory will be adopting.

The SCPD endorses the concept of regulating recovery houses, but objects to the exemption from the landlord tenant code.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position or observations on the proposed legislation.

cc: Ms. Marissa Band, Esq.
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