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**RE: AB 2081 (Davies): Substance abuse: recovery and treatment programs.
City of Newport Beach – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Newport Beach requests your signature on AB 2081 (Davies), which would require a higher standard of transparency and greater protections for individuals seeking alcoholism or substance use treatment.

Specifically, AB 2081 would require the operator of a licensed recovery home to disclose to those seeking care that they can check the Department of Health Care Services website to confirm a facility's compliance with state licensing laws. This will empower patients to make informed decisions about their care by easily knowing if the entity's license or certification has been placed on probationary status, been subject to a temporary suspension order, been revoked, or if the operator has been given a notice of operation in violation of the law.

Some have argued that these changes are duplicative since licensed providers must share their license numbers on their websites and in marketing materials. However, a number on a piece of paper does nothing to inform individuals of the compliance status of these facilities and does not connect them to [other licensing and certification resources](#) that are currently available.

Residential recovery housing provides a wide range of benefits to some of California's most vulnerable residents, and it is critical that their needs are prioritized over profits. Compliance with state licensing laws administered through the Department of Health Care Services is essential to safeguarding residents' well-being and maintaining quality care. AB 2081 would ensure that those seeking treatment easily know what violations, if any, have occurred within a treatment facility and would hold providers accountable by making these violations more easily accessible.

AB 2081 is commonsense, transparency legislation that protects residents and holds providers accountable for maintaining high quality treatment. For these reasons, the City of Newport Beach requests your signature on AB 2081 (Davies).

Specifically, AB 2574 would expand reporting requirements for licensed recovery home operators to enhance the Department of Health Care Services' oversight of sober living homes that are operating as an integral part of a licensed drug treatment facility located elsewhere in the community.

Sincerely,



Will O'Neill

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cc: The Honorable Laurie Davies
Newport Beach City Council