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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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RE: AB 2574 (Valencia): Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities. City of Newport Beach – Request of Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Newport Beach requests your signature on AB 2574 (Valencia), which seeks to better regulate recovery residences.

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.

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.

There have been cases where a licensed facility provides services to the residents of a sober living home but does not include the sober living home in the facility's licensure. AB 2574 would provide much-needed transparency to ensure that if a recovery residence is operated as a business with a licensed treatment facility, it is regulated like a business, not a residential home.

This measure would protect residents and hold providers accountable for maintaining high-quality treatment and care. For these reasons, the City of Newport Beach requests your signature on AB 2574 (Valencia).

Sincerely,

Will O'Neill

Mayor

cc: The Honorable Avelino Valencia
Newport Beach City Council