**INSERT ORGANIZATION LETTERHEAD**

March 1, 2018

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez

Assemblymember

State Capitol, Room 2188

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2214 (Rodriguez): Support

Dear Assemblymember Rodriguez,

On behalf of insert organization name and the clients we serve, we would like to convey our support of Assembly Bill 2214 to create a public/private partnership for improving the quality of our state’s recovery residences. Insert organization name has served the insert community for insert years. We can share many success stories that show the benefits of recovery residences in improving outcomes, reducing recidivism, reuniting families, and diminishing homelessness.

Recovery residences save lives and strengthen communities. Without quality “sober living” homes, in many cases, people vested in recovery from addiction would face uncertain futures and bleak prospects for continuing the road to productivity and abstinence. Private certification, backed by department oversight and national standards, will improve quality and reduce the number of “bad actors” doing business in California. Allowing homes to certify gives consumers, referring agents and local governments the tool they need to make decisions about housing for loved ones facing addiction. It would encourage incorporating quality recovery residences into the landscape of caring communities like insert city.

Thank you for carrying this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Insert signature

Insert Manager/Owner Name

Insert Title

c.c.: Wood (Chair), Maienschein (Vice Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Bonta, Burke, Carrillo, Flora, Limón, McCarty, Nazarian, Rodriguez, Santiago, Steinorth, Thurmond, and Waldron