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Testimony in Support of LD 109 An Act to Improve Safety for Individuals Living in Recovery Residences

Senator Beebe, Representative Salisbury and distinguished members of The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. My name is William St. Michel, I am the retired Fire Chief of The Town of Durham and currently The Executive Director for Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. Maine Fire Chiefs' Association fully supports LD 109, An Act to Improve Safety for Individuals Living in recovery Residences.

Under current law certified substance use disorder recovery residences are treated as a family residence under the Life Safety Code. LD 109 would repeal that exemption and require that recovery residences meet the Life Safety Code requirements for that type of occupancy. The current law creates a dangerous situation for residents and responders, LD 109 would rectify that.

Maine Fire Chiefs' Association would like to request your support in moving this important piece of Legislation, LD 109 forward. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
William St. Michel
Executive Director
Maine Fire Chiefs Association