

Good morning, Senator BB Carter, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Criminal and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Todd Wilson a person in recovery, a Certified Recovery coach, and manager at A Hand Up in Lewiston Maine. I am coming to you to oppose LD 109.

I became a member of the hand up family on October 13th of last year. Prior to that I spent 42 days at the St Francis Recovery Center where I received a strong Foundation and Recovery. Along with dreams and aspirations.

While being at the recovery center I met a gentleman named Johnny Clark. When I met this man, he was willing to give me a safe place to come to after rehab. This place was called A Hand Up and he told me it was family there and that he would love for me to be a part of it.

Since being A hand Up, I've made some dear friends I'm proud to call my family. With the help of my Recovery Family, I was encouraged to do the things I never dreamed possible. In my time being here I became a Certified Recovery coach and a Manager at A Hand Up. My dreams are coming true.

So, I'm asking you guys to please keep my family together. "As long as The ties bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart, All will be well. "Without my family, I would be alone. I would not be well, I cannot do it alone. Cause, failure would certainly come an death only a breath away without my strongest support system, my family at A Hand Up recovery house. It's nice to have a safe place that's warm with love, people to come home to, a place called home. People need family.

Also, it would be a disservice to the community. Since A Hand Up was established, we have had socials were people in the community show up enjoy their time an eat, and we also have donated our time to churches and other organizations in the community.

I am opposed to bill LD109. Not only would ruin people's lives, displace, and do nothing good for the opioid epidemic, also again it would be a disservice for the greater good of the community. Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,
Todd Wilson