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Jordan Lewis, Policy Director  
Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs  
2601 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

Re: Regulation #74-4: Standards for Drug and Alcohol Recovery House Licensure

Dear Dr. Lewis,

Pottstown Area Industrial Development, Inc. (PAID) wishes to provide comment on Regulation #74-4: Standards for Drug and Alcohol Recovery House Licensure. PAID is a 501c(3) non-profit corporation originally formed in 1965 to promote commercial and industrial development in the Borough of Pottstown. Due to our organization's focus on developing our business community, we have come to see the challenges that unregulated recovery homes have had to the Borough's wider business environment and its residents.

PAID would like to express its support for the proposed standards for drug and alcohol recovery houses. The licensing requirements will help to dramatically improve public confidence in these group homes. These homes serve a disadvantaged population that deserves support, however with limited oversight there has been a wide array of outcomes for those residents who utilize these facilities. By having a standard that all licensed facilities must achieve, the wider community will have faith that the services being provided are meaningful and are more likely to have a greater rate of success for the clients. Further, the licensing requirements will increase the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors. Pottstown Borough has a larger population of disadvantaged and at-risk individuals when compared to our surrounding municipalities. This has led to some opportunistic facilities looking to exploit our citizens and generating health and safety issues in the Borough. Finally, the licensing requirements will give clearer guidelines to the Borough for meeting regulations and establishing zoning requirements for these facilities.

PAID strongly supports and urges the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to enact Regulation #74-4. Thank you for providing the opportunity to present these comments on the Standards for Drug and Alcohol Recovery House Licensure. If you have any questions or wish to discuss these comments further, please reach out to me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Lee-Clark", written over a long horizontal line.

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