

Written Testimony in Opposition To S.F. 3973 (Mann)
Minnesota Senate Human Services Committee
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Chair Holman, Senator Mann, and Human Services Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Splittstoesser and I am the operator of 5 Serenity Now Sober Living Houses in Duluth, Minnesota.

I think when it comes to allowing operators to choose what kind of medications are allowed in the house is an example of the type of recovery environment that they are trying to model. For me personally I do not believe in medical marijuana nor do I think that allowing residents to use it while living in the house is going to do anyone any favors towards recovery including the ones prescribed marijuana. My experience when dealing with people in the community is that there is no change in the behaviors that go along with addiction. There is also the risk that other people who are trying to be clean from all chemicals are being triggered. This disease is life and death I do not think that taking away the owners right on what they want to allow in their homes is right especially when you are playing chicken with other people's recovery. I hope you find more research to back your planned legislature because I know that any marijuana studies have not been longitudinal considering marijuana is still being at the schedule that it is at.

Thank you for considering my perspective, and more importantly, the real life needs of my residents who are striving to recover from substance use disorder.

Respectfully submitted,

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