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Senator Agard Introduces Legislation to Support Recovery Residences in Wisconsin

MADISON – Today, Senator Melissa Agard introduced legislation that would create a grant program for establishing recovery residences with Representative Jenna Jacobson (D-Oregon). State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“Everyone in their lives knows someone who has been affected by addiction, whether it be a family member, friend or neighbor in their community. We must create change and help addicts, and those who have mental illness on top of addiction, through the development of sober housing, also known as recovery residences.

“The goal of this bill is to sustain recovery and help make re-entry back into society more successful. Sober housing allows those in recovery to get comfortable living a sober lifestyle by integrating life skills and recovery principles before moving on to the next phase of recovery. Up to 87% of people using sober houses in their recovery plan are still sober after 2 years compared to 31% in treatment and 12-step groups alone.

“With the alarming opiate crisis and problems with alcohol and prescription drug addiction afflicting many Wisconsinites, this is a positive way to help folks have a home-like environment that offers unique and vital support to folks who are suffering from addiction and may be susceptible to relapse. Recovery residences are an effective tool and this bill is a win-win and that ensures we all do better when our whole state does better.”

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