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Urge Your New Jersey State Senate Members to Support the Residential Health Care Facility Bill S2563

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey (MHANJ) supports the Residential Health Care Facility (RHCF) bill, S2563. S2563 is scheduled for a Senate floor vote this Thursday, June 22nd in Trenton.

S2563 will provide due process prior to eviction for residents living in RHCFs. Many of the individuals residing in these community RHCFs are persons living with a mental health, substance use or co-occurring condition. Residents often live in fear of reporting RHCF violations to the proper authorities, worried they will be retaliated against. This bill will help protect them from retaliation for complaining about substandard conditions in these homes.

Specifically, S2563 will eliminate the authority of the RHCF administrator to unilaterally decide whether good cause exists for eviction and, instead, place it in the hands of a court to make an independent, neutral decision. In short, it will improve the dignity and quality of life of RHCF residents by protecting them from unfair treatment and potential homelessness*.

Please join us in urging your New Jersey State Senate members to support S2563!

For guidance on how to contact your Senate members, and what to say, [click here](#).

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For more information, contact Barbara Johnston, MHANJ Director of Policy and Advocacy, bjohnston@mhanj.org.

*For additional information, see attached [Testimony from the Community Health Law Project](#).



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