

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. Gregory Friel  
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United States Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Friel,

This letter follows your recent meeting with Congresswoman Lois Frankel in regards to the proliferation of sober homes in South Florida.

Our offices have been contacted by numerous local officials in South Florida concerned about the over-concentration of sober homes in their cities. They believe that this is having a negative impact on the recovery process for the residents of these sober homes as well as fundamentally changing the character of the neighborhoods in a way that undermines the community integration of persons with disabilities.

These local officials want to respond in a responsible and legal manner that protects the rights of individuals struggling with substance abuse and addiction. In turn, they have asked the undersigned Members of Congress to facilitate a meeting with the Justice Department to discuss these and related concerns.

So it is with great respect that we invite you to participate in a roundtable discussion on sober home issues to take place in South Florida at a mutually agreed date and time.

A favorable response to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



LOIS FRANKEL  
Member of Congress



THEODORE E. DEUTCH  
Member of Congress



ALCEE L. HASTINGS  
Member of Congress