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STATE ATTORNEY ARONBERG TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL PANEL THIS FRIDAY ON SOBER HOMES

State Attorney Dave Aronberg has accepted an invitation to testify on fraud and abuse in the sober home industry before the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. Aronberg, who leads a Sober Homes Task Force that has made 54 arrests for patient brokering and insurance fraud since October 2016, will provide a five-minute opening statement, followed by questions and answers. Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) extended the invitation for Aronberg to testify before the subcommittee, which includes local Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL).

This will mark the second time that Aronberg has testified on this subject. He and Chief Assistant State Attorney Alan Johnson testified before a subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee last December. Aronberg has repeatedly urged the federal government to review and revise its laws that have been exploited by unscrupulous individuals within the drug rehab industry to keep addicts in a perpetual cycle of relapse.

"Although we've had success at the local level in cleaning up the sober home industry, we can't solve this problem by ourselves," said Aronberg. "Hopefully, our upcoming hearing will lead to decisive federal action," he said.

The Committee hearing is scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2018 at 9:00 am room 2141 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

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