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**Hello!**

**My name is Rosemary Rosa and I am the Executive Director at Turning Point Center of Central Vermont. Our organization is a member of Recovery Partners of Vermont.**

**I am writing today to request that you *please support the Vermont Department of Health's recommendation to appropriate $1.25M from the Opioid Abatement fund to continue the recovery coaching program in correctional facilities*.**

***Our organization became embedded at Probation and Parole in Barre almost exactly a year ago. We have seen tremendous success in this collaboration, receiving many more referrals and successfully engaging many in lasting recovery. We have heard first-hand from people under Department of Corrections supervision, what a difference it made to connect with our Recovery Coaches soon after being released. It has helped them re-enter society successfully and avoid slipping back in to addiction*.**

***We believe offering strong community support and wrap-around services to folks coming out of incarceration is the only way forward. We are much more easily able to meet this need when we are on-site at Probation and Parole and collaborate closely with them*.**

**Addiction is a complex issue, but the solution is simple - provide the supports and services people need to stay in recovery. We believe this is possible by continuing funding to this critical program.**

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**We hope you will support the recommendation to appropriate $1.25M from the Opioid Abatement Fund to continue Recovery Coaching in correctional facilities**

**I appreciate your consideration of our request and want to thank your committee for your time. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any questions.**

**In gratitude,**

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