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A recently retired physician living and practicing in Middlebury for forty years I am appalled by the astounding rise in the numbers and devastations created by addiction to all substances, including alcohol.

The benefits of treatment and support far outweigh those of the attempts at interdiction through law enforcement, courts and incarceration. To limit the abilities of the recovery networks by cutting funding after the previous assistance given in their funding support would be devastating to those who already benefit by those services and those who have a chance of recovery.

I urge you to consider the benefits you would be eliminating by such cuts, the individuals you may be condemning to ongoing personal and social devastation, and the increase in the failing systems of punishment for this disease.

Thank you for this opportunity to present my concerns.

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