## **Rebecca Buck**

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## [External]

Dear Rebecca Buck,

I support a \$25,000 increase in NAMI Vermont's annual grant from the state of Vermont. We need this money to continue to maintain and improve out current level of service that includes educational programs, support groups, and presentations throughout Vermont.

I have served for the past five years as a NAMI VT Connection Support Group Facilitator and Trainer. I can attest to the increase in fears and anxiety in my peers. Everyone at NAMI is working to provide support groups on line. I have benefited and seen others benefit from Nami services such as support groups, education, reaching out to families of individuals with a mental Illness and advocacy work. There are many more people out there in need of these services.

Thank you for your continuing support and funding for NAMI. I believe additional funding of NAMI at this extraordinary time of crisis and into the future will help our community thrive.

Thank you for your consideration.

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