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Hello! Thank you for all you do!!

I am Bob Donnis, a Bristol resident. I am a Board member of Recovery Partners of Vermont, and a Board member of the Turning Point Center of Addison County which is 1 of 13 non-profit recovery partners in Vermont. I am also a Board member of the MT Health Center.

I am asking for your support of an increase of \$1,850,000 in base funding for recovery organizations, and an increase of \$1,000,000 base funding for recovery residences.

As I am sure you know Substance Use Disorders/Addictions affect so many people and families in Vermont. The very important Hub and Spoke treatment clinics help people start recovery. Recovery is a lifelong process. The recovery organizations help people stay in recovery, not relapse, connect them to needed resources, and help them have safe and healthy lives. We also help families so they can help their loved ones in recovery.

These centers have highly trained and certified professional Recovery Coaches who are in recovery themselves and provide peer-based support. Our coaches need better salaries, and they need benefits. And, we need more Recovery Coaches.

Recovery residences are also a very important resource for many people as they start their recovery.

Our hope is that more people suffering from addictions will seek treatment and lifelong recovery.

So, again, I am asking for your support to provide \$1,850,000 additional funds for Recovery Partners of VT, and \$1,000,000 for recovery residences.

And again, Thank you for all you do!!