

Written testimony of Jennifer Loso, who testified live on 2/20/24:

" My name is Jennifer Loso, from Rutland, VT, and I'm a certified recovery coach at the Turning Point Center of Rutland. Our center is a member of Recovery Partners of VT. I'm here to ask you to please support the Recovery Partners of VT by allocating \$1.5 million to the DOC to develop our recovery coach model statewide, by enacting new legislation to VT's landlord-tenant law that provides for the safety and successful recovery of all those residing in VT's certified Recovery Residences, and by aiding the expansion of certified Recovery Residences through base increases and scholarship funding from the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Recovery supports and services are the long-term solution for helping people realize they are capable of achieving recovery. Peer support is key to the success of those supports and services. As a person in recovery myself, I know the importance of peer support and the power of connection. To sustain recovery long-term, one needs to maintain connection to other healthy, positive, and safe people, places, and things. These types of connections may begin while incarcerated, in treatment, in recovery housing, at recovery centers, etc. Building connections early in recovery is essential to keeping that recovery long-term. I am grateful to have these connections in my own recovery, and to be able to give back my experience, strength, and hope to others.

This is why I'm here to ask you to please support the appropriation of \$1.5 million to the DOC to expand recovery coaching statewide, implementing a legislative solution to VT's landlord-tenant law that provides safety and successful recovery to recovery residents, and in supporting the expansion of Recovery Residences with base increases and scholarship funding from the Opioid Settlement Fund. Thank you."

Thank you for the work you all do everyday for the state of VT and the people!

Always grateful,  
Jenn