



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.



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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