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My Name is Laura Jarrett, and I am the Executive Director of Turning Point Recovery Center of Bennington County.

Please support the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council's recommendations to strengthen recovery residences across Vermont. OSAC recommends allocating $1.75 million to maintain current support levels for a growing number of operators, and $200,000 for scholarships to help individuals cover the initial fees required to enter a Recovery Residence.

In my work supporting individuals in recovery, I have seen firsthand how recovery housing provides the stability, accountability, and community people need in their earliest and most vulnerable days. Too often, individuals are ready for change but lack safe housing or the financial means to take that next step. These residences save lives by offering not just a bed, but hope, structure, and connection.

Recovery supports and services are the long-term solution to helping people realize the power they have to break free from addiction. Peer support is a key element of that success — people helping people, walking alongside one another toward sustainable recovery.

I respectfully urge you to fully fund OSAC's recommendations — $1.75 million to sustain recovery residence operators and $200,000 in scholarships to remove financial barriers to entry. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this critical investment in Vermont's recovery community.

All the best,

Laura Jarrett