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Dear Representatives,

My name is Shannon Carchidi, Executive Director, with North Central Vermont Recovery Center (NCVRC) located in Morrisville, VT and serving Lamoille County. I'm submitting this request as a member and on behalf of Recovery Partners of Vermont.

We are asking 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 partnerships state-wide with Dept. of Corrections has been a new and effective pathway to connect with people seeking our services. We work side by side with Probation and Parole staff to deepen their understanding of substance use disorder (SUD) and the recovery process, while continuing to provide one-on-one Recovery Coaching and connections to treatment and resources.

People who receive strong wraparound recovery services are less likely to experience a relapse, and every relapse prevented correlates to savings in treatment services, which we know is the most costly and least preventative of the Vermont Department of Health's substance use programs system of care.

To recap, we ask 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.

A sincere thank you to The House Appropriations Committee and The Senate Appropriations Committee for considering our request, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

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