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TO STATE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

(Introduction basics can include name, location, relevant bio information and your connection to recovery)

My name is _____. I want to thank members of the Senate Budget Committee for having this public hearing. I am speaking out as an advocate for addiction recovery today. I have lived in _____(state county or town) _____ for _____ years. I am a registered voter and the issue of funding addiction recovery is very important to me. I also have lost people to addiction close to me so this is really important to me and others in my community/family. I am a person in long term recovery (family member/supporter of recovery). This means I have not used a drink or a drug since _____.

Expand on Recovery Story (for example, you can list some positive things in your life as a result of recovery.) This is where you can really personalize your testimony.

As a person in recovery I have gone back to school, maintained gainful employment, become a participant in my community, and have goals to finish school and open up my own business someday. I am also able to be present in my family's life today.

My life today in recovery has shown me _____

The way I give back to my community is _____

Purpose of Public testimony

As a response to the addiction epidemic I am asking the state to prioritize funding for recovery support services that will save lives. Investing in recovery also saves dollars as many people in recovery give back to their communities and are productive members of society.

I also see that the state is looking at recovery supports at the high school and college levels. Peer to peer recovery support for young people will allow them to thrive in educational settings and change the stigma of people living in recovery.

Supportive Data

Research some facts you can include to boost your testimony. Be sure to reference the data (*Note, the following sentence is for sample only)

A 2017 survey of young people in recovery shows that having recovery support on college campus was instrumental in their taking the next level in meeting their higher education goals.

The Ask and Closing

I am asking you to fully fund recovery support in our communities and in our schools for the fiscal year _____.

Let's give people in recovery the support they need to take the next level for themselves.

I have left you all with some additional information on the benefits of peer to peer recovery support.

I can be contacted at ExampleAdvocate@gmail.com if you or your staff need more information.

Thank you again for your time.

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