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I am writing in support of recovery center funding. I am a woman in long term recovery and was chair of the SASC under Governor Baldacci. I was involved in the beginning of the opiod crisis and witnessed first hand the devastation to families communities and the state. We were helpless, hopeless and lost. It was a a secret. we were not "those people" we were shamed and floundering as our children died. Recovery centers are bastions of hope. i have been involved in our recovery center since its inception. I have witnessed miracles. People come here looking for help, inclusion, acceptance and hope. We provide all of this and more. Please visit a recovery center for yourself. It is a matter of life and death. Truly