

My name is Scott Gardner, and I am a person in recovery, and a volunteer of the Bangor Area Recovery Network, in Brewer Maine. Today I am urging members of the Appropriations committee Fund LD 1714 to make sure that places like the BARN can continue to help people like me and so many others. Volunteering at the Bangor Area Recovery Network has given me not only a sense of purpose, but a support system, and a solid connection to my community. The BARN is a cornerstone of my recovery. It's a place that many people in my community utilize for recovery peer support services, mutual aid groups, and gaining access to resources they be otherwise unable to use. Many recovery community centers like ours struggle with funding.