

Good afternoon members of the committee.

My name is Ronald Tusing I am a real alcoholic I live in Holden Maine. I am 46 years sober I have two children and two grandchildren and wife Elizabeth who also volunteers at the Bangor Area Recovery Network. I am able to do what I do today because of support from programs like this one. I see how much of a positive impact the BARN has on the community it touches my heart.

Today I am strongly urging the members of the appropriation committee to Fund LD1714. It is crucial that people who need recovery resources have a place to connect with others and find their second chance or third or however times takes because people in the community with SUD need a help and hope and the BARN provides that.

Sincerely,

Ronald Tusing, Holden Maine