

Dear Chair Dever, Senator Cleary, Senator Davison, Senator Magrum, and Senator Mathern,

I urge you to pass HB 1012, and I'd like to share the importance of Free Through Recovery, Community Connection, and Peer Support.

As a Tenancy Support Specialist with Case Management, I assist clients in connecting with various services, including Free Through Recovery and Community Connect. Having gone through peer support training myself, I've seen firsthand the value of lived experience in helping those in need.

These programs serve individuals struggling with addiction, mental health issues, and homelessness, providing essential support to get them back on their feet and stay there. I've used the Community Connect portal to connect clients with peer-to-peer resources, facilitating meaningful connections with others who have overcome similar challenges.

When considering budget cuts, please remember that these programs make a significant difference in the lives of numerous individuals daily. They are invaluable and worth preserving.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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