

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Levi, and I am an alcoholic and drug addict in recovery. I have been sober for a little over 6 years, and I have an amazing life. I spent most of my youth and adult life chained to my addictions. When I was growing up, there wasn't much to do since I was raised in a small community. Over the years, I tried many times to seek help for my disease, and there just wasn't much help available. I am now a Certified Recovery Mentor, and I work with people in their active addiction every day. The people I work with consistently face barriers and roadblocks to living a life of freedom like I now have. Even when I decided to get sober, I wasn't able to find much help. I believe that lack of connection, along with a lack of resources, is a big problem in our area, and the entire state. The youth of today aren't getting the help and support they need. I am in support of this bill because the kids need the guidance and support that they often aren't getting in their home life. We have addicts raising addicts, and something needs to change, and I believe this bill would be a good start. Our state is in a real crisis here. Every day, kids are dying from their disease, and they deserve a better life. It doesn't have to be this way. We can do better.

Sincerely,

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