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 Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_ or Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (change this depending on who you are writing to)

On behalf of Idaho Recovery Community Centers, “IARCC” I am writing to you in support of a new bill being proposed through legislation this term, the Sober Idaho Recovery Community Act (SIRCA). SIRCA is aimed to provide funding for the statewide network of Recovery Community Centers who are providing free recovery support services to over 40,000 individual statewide per year, provide education and advocate for Recovery.

The bill asks for $1.5 Million for five consecutive years to fund our Recovery Community Centers. The funds will pay for two full-time employees, one-part time employee, the cost of the building and the utilities. Auxiliary funds used for programming, events, pro-social activities, peer outreach and community engagement, etc. are provided by grants awarded to the Idaho Association of Recovery Community Centers (IARCC) - Such grants include; the Idaho Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC). Fundraisers, private donors, county, and local contributions are part of the ongoing sustainability efforts. Additionally, volunteers perform much of the labor within each Recovery Community Center.

Please consider these four significant points:

1. **The State has $250 Million surplus this year.**
2. **The proposed SIRCA bill recommends pulling from the Sales Tax fund, and will not in any way affect monies to be distributed by the tax commission to the counties for property taxes.**
3. **The cost of funding ONE Crisis Center at $1.5 Million would fund NINE Recovery Community Centers - which are often the primary connections and front-line defense for those seeking crisis assistance or those in need of after crisis care and daily maintenance.**
4. **The ROI is estimated at an economic benefit of $7 for every $1 invested.**

The proposed funding is necessary not only for the future of the Recovery Community Centers, but for all of Idaho. When our citizens recover, our families, communities and state benefit. Please support SIRCA this legislative session.

Attachments: SIRCA Proposal; SIRCA Bill (Draft)

Sincerely,

Your Name

Your Title

Your Contact Info