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Good morning Chair Sanchez and members of the committee. Thank you for being here today.

Addiction brought me to the lowest point of my life. It made me see things and do things that can never forget. People think that Hard drugs are the only substance that cause harm and turn people into something unrecognizable. The truth is, everytime that i relapsed, Alcohol was the first substance to trigger that relapse. And the same can be said for many other addicts. But i was finally able to turn it all around for the better by enrolling my self into inpatient. Going to treatment was the best decision i ever made. Combining that with after care services like outpatient and other recovery support services made it possible for me to be here today with almost 2 years of continuous sobriety and a career in the recovery field. I am in support of this bill because it will allow thousands of other suffering addicts who want to change their lives to have a chance to do exactly what i did and thrive in our community. If we can decrease underage drinking, Binge drinking, and alcohol mortality while increasing access to recovery support services, Then this is the way to go. Thank you again, Chair Sanchez and members of the committee for your time.