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I am a person with the experience in addiction as well as working in the recovery field. Peer support help me very much in early recovery. I did not know how to function in life without the use of substances for many years. When I stepped in the recovery I was lost. I had no idea where to begin. I had a peer mentor walk beside me and help me navigate all the community resources available. I was so full of fear but my pure mentor empowered me to continue to move forward. I truly believe that if I did not have recovery support in early recovery, I will still be a slave to my addiction. On March 6, 2026, I will have four years clean. I pay my taxes now I no longer commit crimes and I'm able to get back to the community. I think it's very important to society that recovery funding continues.