

**Theresa Utton**

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I am writing regarding the House Appropriations Committee public hearing Thursday March 12 at 1:00 on proposed cuts to the budget.

I cannot be there in person, but I am advocating leaving the Vermont Recovery Network (Turning Point centers) intact. I am an addiction psychiatrist working throughout southern VT and am grateful VT has recognized the terrible burden imposed by addiction and has pledged to increase treatment. But treatment by itself is only a portion of the effort required for people to overcome addiction. They have to redesign their entire lives, and the supports and programs of the Turning Points are crucial to this.

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