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Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

On behalf of Bold North Recovery, I am honored to express my strong support for Niyyah Recovery Initiative and its mission to provide culturally responsive recovery services for individuals affected by substance use disorders.

Niyyah Recovery Initiative is filling a critical gap in our community by addressing the cultural, spiritual, and social needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) as they navigate the complexities of recovery. Equitable access to recovery services—designed by and for the communities they serve—is essential in reducing health disparities, preventing justice system involvement, and fostering long-term community well-being.

Through my work, I have witnessed the barriers marginalized individuals face when seeking support within traditional recovery models that often overlook the intersection of race, trauma, and systemic oppression. Niyyah Recovery Initiative takes a transformative approach, grounded in cultural humility, community healing, and empowerment.

Bold North Recovery is proud to stand as a partner and ally in this vital effort. We are committed to working alongside Niyyah Recovery Initiative to expand access to culturally meaningful recovery services, promote community-led healing strategies, and advocate for systemic change that prioritizes racial equity in behavioral health.

We strongly urge your support of Niyyah Recovery Initiative, as its success is crucial to the health, safety, and resilience of our community. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to learn more about our partnership.

Sincerely,

Randy Anderson, RCPF, LADC

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