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March 24, 2025

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

Person in Long Term Recovery

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March 25, 2025

Dear Chair Hoffman, Vice Chair Fateh, and members of the Human Services Committee,

On behalf of Thrive! Family Recovery Resources, I am writing to express our strong support for the Niyyah Recovery Initiative and its mission to provide culturally responsive recovery services to individuals impacted by substance use disorders.

The Niyyah Recovery Initiative is filling a critical gap in our community by centering the unique cultural, spiritual, and social needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) as they navigate the complex path to recovery. We recognize that equitable access to recovery services that reflect the lived experiences of those they serve is essential for addressing disparities in health outcomes, justice system involvement, and long-term community well-being.

Our organization has witnessed the challenges that marginalized individuals face when seeking support within traditional recovery models that often overlook or misunderstand the intersection of race, trauma, and systemic oppression. The Niyyah Recovery Initiative offers a transformative approach—grounded in cultural humility, community healing, and empowerment.

We are proud to stand alongside the Niyyah Recovery Initiative as a trusted partner and ally in this important work. We are committed to collaborating to increase access to culturally meaningful recovery services, promote community-led healing strategies, and advocate for systems change that prioritizes racial equity in behavioral health.

We strongly urge your consideration and support of the Niyyah Recovery Initiative's efforts, as we believe its success is vital to the health, safety, and resilience of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like additional information about our partnership with the Niyyah Recovery Initiative.

Pam Lanhart, Executive Director

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David Zak
Committee Administrator
Senate Human Services Committee

Dear Mr. Zak,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of the **Niyyah Recovery Initiative**. I have had the privilege of learning about the valuable work this organization is doing to support individuals on their recovery journeys. I would like to express my wholehearted endorsement of their mission and programs.

The **Niyyah Recovery Initiative** has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to providing individuals with the resources, guidance, and empowerment they need to successfully navigate the challenges of recovery. Their approach is not only compassionate but also highly effective in helping individuals rebuild their lives, restore their well-being, and contribute positively to their communities.

Through their comprehensive programs and services, the Niyyah Recovery Initiative's approach is transformative: grounded in cultural humility, community healing, and empowerment. Their emphasis on holistic support—centering the unique cultural, spiritual, and social needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) as they navigate the complex path to recovery—ensures that their clients receive the care and attention they need to thrive beyond recovery.

I am confident that the Niyyah Recovery Initiative will continue to have a profound impact in the lives of those they serve, and I strongly believe that supporting their work will benefit many in need of recovery services.

I wholeheartedly encourage all support for their efforts and extend my full endorsement of their mission. Thank you for considering my letter of support. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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To Whom it may concern:

On behalf of Cedar Riverside Community Council (CRCC), I am writing to express our strong support for the Niyyah Recovery Initiative and its mission to provide culturally responsive recovery services to individuals impacted by substance use disorders.

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We proudly stand alongside the Niyyah Recovery Initiative as a trusted partner and ally in this vital work. We are committed to expanding access to culturally meaningful recovery services, promoting community-led healing, and advocating for systems change that prioritizes racial equity in behavioral health.

We respectfully urge your consideration and support of the Niyyah Recovery Initiative's efforts. Its continued success is essential to the health, safety, and resilience of our communities.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or would like to hear more about our partnership with Niyyah.

Sincerely,
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