**Phone Script: Protect Federal Funding for Collegiate Recovery**

*Introduction — Who You Are & Why You're Calling (~30 sec)*

Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I’m a [student/program staff/alum/advocate] with a collegiate recovery program at [University/College Name], and a constituent in your district/State.  
  
I’m calling to urge you to protect federal funding for peer recovery support services — specifically the $2 million for SAMHSA’s Peer Support Technical Assistance Center, which provides recovery support to peer networks and collegiate recovery programs.

*Why Collegiate Recovery Matters (~60 sec)*

Collegiate Recovery Programs are campus-based communities that help students maintain recovery from substance use disorders while pursuing higher education. They improve graduation rates, support mental health, and contribute to a healthy workforce — helping build our economy.  
  
More than 600,000 U.S. college students identify as being in recovery. When they have access to CRPs, research shows we save about $3,000 in taxpayer dollars per student every year for life.

*Connection to National Strategy (~45 sec)*

The 2025 National Drug Control Strategy calls for expanding peer recovery services, building a recovery-ready workforce, and ensuring supports reach schools and colleges. This funding directly advances these goals.  
  
[Optional personal story about how collegiate recovery impacts you or your community.]

*The Ask (~30 sec)*

Please ensure that the final appropriations bill includes the Senate’s $2 million funding for SAMHSA’s Peer Support Technical Assistance Center. Protecting this funding safeguards life-saving services and ensures students in recovery can thrive.  
  
Thank you for your time and leadership.