**Phone Script Template**

[Introduction — Who You Are & Why You're Calling | ~30 seconds]

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.

I'm calling to urge you to protect federal funding for peer recovery support services, including grants that support collegiate recovery programs through the Center for Addiction Recovery Support (CARS) at SAMHSA.

[Why Collegiate Recovery Matters | ~60 seconds]

Collegiate Recovery Programs are campus-based communities that help students maintain their recovery from substance use disorders while pursuing higher education. They improve graduation rates, support mental health, and contribute to a health workforce to support a thriving economy. 600,000 students in the US identify as being in recovery and research has shown that when students have access to these programs, we can help save $3,000 of taxpayer dollars per student, per year, for the remainder of their lives.

[Connect to National Drug Control Priorities | ~45 seconds]

The 2025 National Drug Control Strategy emphasizes expanding peer recovery services and building a recovery-ready workforce. Collegiate recovery directly advances these national priorities.

*(Insert statement about what collegiate recovery means to you personally)*

[The Ask | ~30 seconds]

Please continue to support funding for peer-led recovery services, including those in collegiate and scholastic settings. Protecting this funding ensures we can continue providing life-changing support to students across the country.