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Subject: MN State Advisory Council and Children's Subcommittee Recommendation regarding HF 1566



STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH *and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health*

Feb 17, 2023

Dear Rep. Peter Fischer - Chairman of House Human Services Committee and Committee Members,

The MN Governor's Mental Health Advisory Council is strongly recommending that you pass HF 1566. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the country. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline's new 3-digit number launched last July and is similar to how people can dial 911 for medical emergencies. Since switching to 988 on July 16, calls to Minnesota's four call centers have increased 44%. Minnesota has also seen a 173% increase in web chats (since January 2022) and 250% increase

in texts to 988. It is critical that calls to 988 from Minnesotans be answered in our own state so that connections to local resources and mobile crisis response can be made as needed. Short-term federal funding has helped our 988 lifeline centers in Minnesota build capacity to meet the increased need and answer a much higher number of calls in-state. The in-state answer rate nearly doubled between 2021 and 2022, from just 43% in 2021 to 83% in 2022. **We know that 988 saves lives and its use is growing rapidly. We also know that the one time Federal funding and budget surplus will be gone in 1 year. This bill will provide a sustainable way to support the growth of 988 services. 12-25 cents per month is a small amount compared to the number of lives that will be saved. Please pass this bill and show the world that MN values the lives of Minnesotans with mental illnesses as much as it values the lives of Minnesotans with medical illnesses.**

Thank you.



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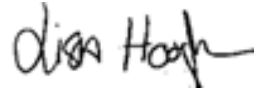
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Vice Chair State Advisory Council on Mental Health

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Cecelia Hughes LICSW

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