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Testimony in Support of H.B. 2281

I contacted the 1-800 crisis number for my teen when she was in a mental health crisis. I remember having difficulty finding the phone number for the crisis line and having to search it on Google. My daughter was given an in-crisis screening by a volunteer who shared mental health resources with her. I did not feel confident my daughter was given a proper mental health crisis evaluation by a trained mental health professional.

Dialing 988 is much more accessible and easier to remember in a mental health crisis situation. Also, this service is much more accessible, convenient and less expensive than going to the emergency room for crisis intervention. I feel confident knowing individuals in crisis who dial 988 are connected to trained mental health professionals in their zipcode where they live.

An immediate response when in a mental health crisis is convenient, accessible and can help save lives.

Please support H.B. 2281.