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Re: 988 crisis hotline program, 988 crisis stabilization fund, and the imposition of a 988-access fee.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to serving people in crisis, including individuals in our state who will contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (988 Lifeline). I ask for your support of SB 2149.

You already know that we are a State in a behavioral health crisis, especially our youth. 988 provides a safe place for those in crisis to get help.

988 funding is essential for our State. Because so much emphasis has been placed on mental health needs in this session, I find it unconscionable that this bill is in jeopardy.

Best regards,

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