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Sheldon –

Please load this in 2149 testimony. It is the bill with the amendments which would ban a cell phone fee.

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Good morning Senator Roers,

I just wanted to follow up regarding SB 2149 and North Dakota's 988 program. I've attached our proposed amendments that looks to remove the 988 surcharge and includes an immunity provision similar to 911 statute. As we stated in our testimony, CTIA would encourage North Dakota to find general fund revenue and use federal funds to support 988 before enacting a new tax on telecommunications consumers. Below is some more information on the federal funds that have been designated for state 988 programs.

Federal Funding

In Dec. 2021, the federal government allocated \$282 million in dedicated 988 funding,

including \$177 million to strengthen and expand the existing Lifeline network operations and telephone infrastructure, including centralized chat/text response, backup center capacity, and special services (e.g., a sub-network for Spanish language-speakers) and \$105 million to build up staffing across states' local crisis call centers.

In 2022, The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act was also enacted and appropriated \$150 million for 988 Lifeline, including \$35 million to better link 988 Lifeline services to Tribal communities. An additional appropriation of nearly \$30 million was made in the FY23 omnibus bill for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to enhance training and provide access to specialized services through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for marginalized youth.

Additionally, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), enacted on March 11, 2021, establishes a new option for states to cover mobile response team services (MRTs) through their Medicaid programs for a five-year period beginning April 2022. It also provides an enhanced federal match, which covers 85% of the cost of these services for the first three years.

There are also several existing federal resources that can be leveraged to support 988 implementation. Examples from SAMHSA include the crisis set-aside through the [Mental Health Block Grant](#) as well as funding through the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) program. States are also able to leverage Medicaid dollars and [State Opioid Response grants](#).

If you have any further questions, please let us know. Thank you for your consideration!

Regards,
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Feel free to work through me to find the appropriate language for amendments and suggestions for alternate funding sources

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