

**Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**Jan 14th, 2025 HB SB 2145**  
**Testimony in Support**

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Dear Chair Larson and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge a "Do Pass" on SB 2145.

I am a suicide prevention advocate, and I work with many first responders, be they 988 call specialists, firefighters, police, or EMS. These calls by their nature are emergency situations, and our first responders are often going into unpredictable environments.

I believe in our first responders to do the best possible job to help individuals and situations and save lives. They do this every day. However, there are always going to be situations in which there could be no winning outcome. And often in those scenarios there are families who are grieving that may want to put the blame somewhere, whether it is fair or not to do so.

The job of being a first responder is intensely stressful, the secondary trauma can often result in PTSD for those who work it, and the added stress that any mishap could result in personal liability is at least one thing we can remove from the equation. The bill doesn't protect for situations where our first responders are clearly at fault but does give peace of mind for the folks doing some of the most difficult work in this state. And that's why I support this.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,  
Faye Seidler