

Dear Friend,

All of us have a friend, relative or neighbor that is right now in a mental health crisis. And each day, news headlines remind us how so many patients go without care they desperately need, often with tragic results.

Last year I embarked on a detailed review of the nation's mental health system and even with my long time experience as a clinical psychologist, I was dismayed to learn just how archaic and ineffective the system is for families in need of mental health services.

Simply put, our current system is failing families and patients.

More than two million patients with mental illness go without medical treatment. That's because the federal government has never approached serious mental illness as a healthcare issue, so the programs in place don't help those most in need.

I authored the Helping Families In Mental Health Crisis Act (H.R. 3717), to overhaul our mental health system and focus resources on psychiatric inpatient and outpatient care; break down boundaries so parents and primary care givers are included in a patient's treatment plan; expand access to effective evidence-based mental healthcare; and integrate mental and clinical medical care..

For far too long, those who need help have been getting it the least, and where there is no help, there is no hope. We can change and have a meaningful impact on the health and wellbeing of families across the nation by investing resources in evidence-based treatments.

Visit my website at Murphy.House.Gov where you will find a wealth of information on my legislation and read feedback I'm receiving from across the nation. Sign up for my newsletter so I can keep you updated on our progress.

Sincerely,

"All the money in the world won't help the mentally ill if it isn't getting to them or is squandered on ineffective treatments. **The Murphy bill is an informed attempt to overhaul a broken system.**" — *editors of the Wall Street Journal*

research into serious mental illness." — *the American Psychiatric Association*

"The [bill] would take important steps to ensure that **law enforcement officers have the resources they need to properly respond** to individuals with mental illness." — *National Sheriffs' Association*

"In the wake of Tucson, Aurora, Sandy Hook, the Navy Yard, and so many other high profile tragedies involving persons with serious mental illness, **Rep. Tim Murphy is to be congratulated for having the courage to make this bold attempt to improve our obviously broken mental health system.**" — *Fred Frese, Ph.D., former first vice-president, National Alliance on Mental Illness*



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"APA appreciates the emphasis you place in this legislation on the provision of **evidence-based psychiatric and substance use services**, the integration of those services with other health care delivery systems, and the promotion of **robust**

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Murphy-Doyle Bill Protecting Veterans Health Passes House

The GI Tuition Fairness Act incorporated legislation authored by Reps. Murphy and Mike Doyle after their investigation of the Legionnaires' Disease outbreak at the Pittsburgh VA showed the hospital didn't follow the same high standards as other medical facilities.

Oversight Work Reveals New Problems with Healthcare Law

Federal officials testified to Chairman Tim Murphy that 30-40% of HealthCare.gov remains incomplete, leaving more than 27,000 Americans without an ability to appeal enrollment errors via the health insurance exchanges.

Energy Committee Moves Legislation on Clean Coal Plants

Last September, the EPA declared any coal-fueled power plants must "capture and store" carbon dioxide emissions — even though the technology doesn't even exist yet. The Energy Committee moves a new bill to stop the "War on Coal."

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