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Honorable Tim Murphy
2332 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Murphy:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Washington Psychiatric Society in support of your bill, The Helping Families In Mental Health Crisis Act (HR 3717). It has been a long time since our patients and our colleagues have had such a dedicated advocate.

The need is great as demonstrated by the evidence gathered by your subcommittee last year in the time leading up to the crafting and introduction of this legislation. Many individual and family tragedies continue to occur due to the inability to reach and treat those affected, many of whom do not even recognize that they are ill and require help.

This bill, if enacted, will go a long way towards correcting this dire situation.

We applaud your efforts and wholeheartedly support this marvelous legislation.

Sincerely,

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