



Los Angeles
County Council

August 27, 2015

The Honorable Tim Murphy
The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Murphy & Johnson:

On behalf of NAMI Los Angeles County Council, the largest family and consumer grassroots organization in the Los Angeles dedicated to mental health, we write to express our support of HR 2646, the *Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act*, and urge Congress to pass this bill. Not only does this legislation include critical provisions to improve care for people with serious mental illnesses, it also helps families provide better care and protection for their loved ones.

NAMI is pleased that HR 2646 includes a range of reforms that would improve our nation's failing public mental health system including efforts to focus on outcomes, break down barriers for consumers and families to access treatment, and expand the availability of evidence-based practices.

We are very grateful to you for caring about people with serious mental illnesses and supporting their families. Thank you both for your exceptional leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brittney Weissman".

Brittney Weissman
Executive Director