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March 19, 2021

The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan  
California State Assembly Member, 16th District State Capitol, Room 2130  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 988 – Mental health: mobile crisis support teams; 988 crisis hotline  
Notice of Support**

Dear Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan:

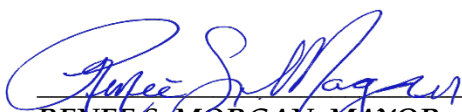
On behalf of the Town of Danville, we are pleased to provide this letter of **support** for AB 988, which would implement the new nationwide 988 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline created last year by the Federal Trade Commission and Congress to transform the way California responds to mental health emergencies.

This bill would designate crisis hotline centers to provide intervention through voice-call, online chat, and text, 24 hours a day. We also appreciate that these call centers will be able to deploy crisis services, such as mobile crisis teams, stabilization services, and ongoing care. In working with the National Suicide Hotline to provide immediate support for individuals calling in crisis, these call centers will be able to provide the best service possible to those in need.

As you know, there are efforts in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties on ways to improve social service crisis response for those suffering from mental health challenges and their families. A dedicated phone line for mental health emergencies is a critical factor to being successful in treating these emergencies. Along with the services provided by the hotline, access to the appropriate mental health resources during times of need is an enormous benefit to our respective local communities, the region, and the State.

We appreciate and thank you for your work on this important issue, and are pleased to support Assembly Bill 988.

Sincerely,

  
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