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## ### EMAIL TEMPLATE Subject: Supporting Mental Health as Essential Healthcare Dear [Representative/Senator/Decision-Maker Name], My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I live in \_\_\_\_\_. I'm writing because mental illness continues to be treated differently than physical illness — socially, medically, and legally — even though both impact the lives of people across every community. I am asking you to support policies that: • Protect individuals with mental illness from discrimination · Expand access to affordable, trauma-informed, culturally competent care · Treat mental health services as essential healthcare • Increase funding for prevention and early intervention programs Mental illness ≠ weakness. It is a human experience, not a personal failure. These policies save lives, strengthen communities, and reduce long-term healthcare burdens. Please make mental health a priority in your current and future decisions. Thank you for your leadership and your time. Sincerely. [Your Name]