

What Supporters are Saying About the *STOP Suicide Act*

Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD, CEO, the American Psychological Association:

“APA commends Reps. Jamie Raskin and Don Bacon for their leadership in addressing the public health crisis of suicide. In 2022, nearly 50,000 Americans lost their lives to suicide—equating to roughly one death every eleven minutes. Suicide stands as the second leading cause of death among individuals aged 10-34, and the crisis is particularly acute among Black youth, whose suicide rate has increased by 144 percent from 2007 to 2020. The APA enthusiastically supports the bipartisan *Stabilization To Prevent (STOP) Suicide Act*, which aims to enhance preventive services and broaden the implementation of evidence-based approaches for stabilizing individuals with serious thoughts of suicide.”

Maeghan Gilmore, Vice President, Government Affairs, Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW):

“Communities need an evidence-based continuum of care to ensure individuals have access to crisis services. The Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW) supports the *Stabilization To Prevent (STOP) Suicide Act* which would expand crisis stabilization services. We applaud Representatives Raskin and Bacon for their leadership in addressing behavioral health care.”

Laurie Kulikosky, CAE, CEO, Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD):

“Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) strongly supports the *Stabilization to Prevent (STOP) Suicide Act* and is grateful to Congressman Raskin for introducing this bill to establish a SAMHSA grant program to expand the use of evidence-based models for stabilizing individuals with serious thoughts of suicide. The *STOP Suicide Act* has the potential to significantly benefit individuals with ADHD, a mental health condition that confers increased risk of anxiety, depression, and suicide.”

Matthew Cook, President and CEO, Children’s Hospital Association:

“Every day at our children’s hospitals, pediatric health care providers see the youth who are struggling with their mental health, and too many who have reached a state of crisis that requires urgent intervention. When children and teens experience a mental health emergency, it is essential that they are quickly connected to the developmentally appropriate care they need in that moment of crisis. The *Stabilization to Prevent Suicide Act* will support the expansion of crisis stabilization services that meet children and young people where they are, swiftly provide support to those in mental health crisis, keep them safe, and prevent suicide and self-harm.”

Ann Mazur, Chief Executive Officer, EveryMind:

“At EveryMind, we know firsthand that timely, community-based support saves lives. The *STOP Suicide Act* is crucial in closing a significant gap in our mental health system by ensuring people can access proven, evidence-based care when they need it most. This law is designed to provide help early before someone reaches a crisis point. We wholeheartedly support this bill and its potential to make a real difference in the fight against suicide.”

Derek J. Lee, Ph.D., CRC, LPCC-S, DBTC, CAMSC, Chief Executive Officer, The Hope Institute of America, LLC:

“We, at The Hope Institute, are so excited to see the introduction of this bipartisan legislation. Representatives Raskin and Bacon are blazing new trails as they extend the traditional focus of suicide from prevention to include intervention and treatment. This is a paradigm shift that will save lives.”

Hannah Wesolowski, Chief Advocacy Officer, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI):

“Tragically, suicide is still a leading cause of death in our country, especially for younger Americans. A full crisis continuum of care that focuses on stabilization services for people experiencing suicidal ideation is vital to changing the trajectory of suicide in this country. NAMI is deeply grateful to Rep. Raskin for introducing the *Stabilization to Prevent (STOP) Suicide Act*, which will provide communities with the resources needed to help prevent these needless tragedies. NAMI is proud to support the *STOP Suicide Act*.”

Dr. Daniel Crawford, President, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners:

“Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (PNPs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who care for children are alarmed at the increasing number of suicides among children and adolescents. NAPNAP is grateful to Representatives Raskin and Bacon for their leadership in responding to this crisis. The *‘Stabilization to Prevent (STOP) Suicide Act’* will provide critically needed resources to community health centers, clinics, and school-based health centers to support pediatric nurses and other professionals in providing stabilization services to children and teens at risk. We urge Congress to pass this legislation.”

Chuck Ingoglia, National Council for Mental Wellbeing President and CEO:

“The number of people who die by suicide remains far too high. While we have taken important steps to address this crisis, like launching the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, opportunities to help people experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis remain. From Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics to primary care providers to rural health clinics, the *STOP Suicide Act* will help us close gaps through grants to create or expand resources and training to maximize impact and promote the use of best practices. We applaud Rep. Raskin and Rep. Bacon for introducing this critically needed legislation.”

Dr. Harsh K. Trivedi, President and CEO, Sheppard Pratt:

“Suicide is a leading cause of death in our country, with approximately one every 13 hours in Maryland. I am grateful for Congressman Raskin’s steadfast support to fill the gap in the crisis continuum of care, and I gladly support this legislation. As the nation’s largest private, nonprofit provider of behavioral health services, Sheppard Pratt looks forward to working with our congressional leaders and SAMHSA on suicide prevention efforts.”

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, President and CEO, Trust for America's Health:

“Addressing record high levels of suicide in the United States will require strengthening the continuum of crisis intervention programs and supports. The *STOP Suicide Act* would provide critical resources for expanding access to lifesaving stabilization services and help drive further advancements in mental healthcare.”