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Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and distinguished members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

NAMI Maryland and our 11 local affiliates across the state represent a network of more than 58,000 families, individuals, community-based organizations, and service providers. NAMI Maryland is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing education, support, and advocacy for people living with mental illnesses, their families, and the wider community.

Nearly 1 in 4 active duty members showed signs of a mental health condition. Each day, an average of 20 veterans die by suicide. NAMI MD is dedicated to destigmatizing mental health support and creating more opportunities for those with mental health conditions to speak freely and get the support that they need. For these reasons, we urge a favorable report.

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