

Delegate Heather Bagnall,

Thank you for sponsoring HB 782. We need to reduce child suicides.

My brother died by suicide. Not everyone grows up in a loving supportive home. Not every parent will get their children the treatment they need.

I didn't grow up in a loving supportive home. My parents wouldn't approve of mental health treatment.

I understand the value of this bill and pray your colleagues will support it.

Children need access to mental healthcare.

Access to mental health reduces suicides. As a counselor, a professional and a parent, you have my support.

Respectfully,

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