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To whom it may concern,

I wholeheartedly support the Lifesaver Schools Bill, which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland.

As a school-based speech-language pathologist in the middle school setting, I cannot begin to express how much the social-emotional and mental health needs of my students have changed over the last 5 years. Due to not enough resources, I have spent hours and hours getting kids to drug rehab services, sitting with kids who have expressed suicidal ideations to me while waiting for a counselor to be available, students crying about home challenges, depression, anxiety, social media induced mental health problems, etc. The mental health needs are so great that I am often unable to do my actual job of being an SLP.

Please support and pass this bill. Our kids' lives depend on it.

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