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Testimony in Support of H.B. 2281

Our oldest son Daniel, at 21 yrs. old, took his life July 8, 2021.

He had battled mental illness for the past 3 years. The last 2 weeks before his death he was in very bad shape. We called the CIT in 3 times, since he didn't live with us anymore, and he told them he was fine. Since he was over 18, they said their hands were tied and couldn't do anything. We had text messages that he wasn't ok, and needed help.

I believe that 988 responders will have better training regarding to mental health, which will help those that call. They will have resources that will be helpful.

Daniel most likely would have gotten the help he needed at that moment.

I would be willing to talk to anyone involved with this Committee.

I will be in Topeka February 21-22. Please feel free to reach out! Thank you.