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Through 988, people in crisis can reach the help they desperately need. Suicide is a leading cause of death in US and claimed the lives of nearly 46000 Americans in 2020. In 2020, Oregon had the 13th highest rate of suicide in US with a total of 833 deaths. Suicide is the leading cause of death among youth 5-24 years of age in Oregon. Approximately 81% of firearm deaths in Oregon are suicides as compared to 59% in US. Of the 11 districts in the US with more than 100 gun suicides per year, 2 are in Oregon.

We must ensure adequate funding to meet the demand of callers to 988 that are in crisis. Please pass this bill.