

ADVOCACY ALERT: CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE for SB 1363

SB 1363 creates the National Alliance on Mental Illness, California Voluntary Tax Contribution fund and allows taxpayers to donate to the fund using their state tax form. Donations would fund a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program to train police officers to better help and safely interact with someone experiencing a mental health crisis.

SB 1363 WILL BE HEARD IN THE SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 4TH AT 9:30 A.M. IN ROOM 112.

Contact your representative and the Senate Governance and Finance Committee to urge them to support this legislation.

CALL

Calling your representative can be a powerful way to enact change. Letting your representative hear from you is a great way of keeping him or her informed on where the voters stand and also holding them accountable to their communities.

[Find your representative \(click here\)](#). Knowing who represents you in both the Senate and the Assembly is an important first step any time you want to be involved in the lawmaking process.

To help with the process of making this call, NAMI has posted some helpful tips and things to say when talking to your representative and committee members ([click here](#)).

Committee members are the people who actually vote on a bill in the early stages of making a law. They are in charge of holding hearings to get information from the public and they generally want to hear from people and communities. A great way to urge committee members to vote 'yes' on a bill is to call their offices.

Senate Governance and Finance Committee Members Contact Information

[Senator Mike McGuire \(Chair\)](#): (916) 651-4002

[Senator Janet Nguyen \(Vice Chair\)](#): (916) 651- 4034

[Senator Jim Beall](#): (916) 651-4015

[Senator Ed Hernandez](#): (916) 651-4022

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[Senator Ricardo Lara](#): (916) 651-4033

[Senator John M. W. Moorlach](#): (916) 651-4037

WRITE

Committees review important information on a bill so they can make the right decision. Committees generally share a group of staffers who help run the committee. Send a letter to committee staffers to register your support with the larger committee to process.

To create a letter, use one of the below templates, or write your own. Send letters to advocacy@namica.org by Monday, May 2nd to have your letter included in committee considerations.

[Committee Support Letter](#) (Organization/NAMI Affiliate)

[Committee Support Letter](#) (Individual)

EDUCATE YOURSELF ON THE BILL

Review the Bill. Being informed on a bill before speaking to a representative is very important so you can get your point across in the best way possible.

[Fact sheet](#)

[SB 1363 full text](#)