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### **Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act of 2020 (S. 3312)**

**Subject:** Support the Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act

**Please take 2 minutes today to support further collaboration between the behavioral health and criminal justice systems by asking your Senators to cosponsor S. 3312.**

In February of this year, Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced the Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act of 2020 (S. 3312). This bipartisan, bicameral bill calls for law enforcement agencies to partner with community behavioral health organizations to provide increased access to mental health treatment and crisis stabilization for incarcerated individuals and promote warm hand-offs to community-based care upon reentry.

In the United States, a significant number of individuals involved with the justice system have mental health and substance use challenges. From 2006 to 2016, suicide was the leading single cause of death in local jails each year. Action is needed to reverse these statistics. The Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act would make significant strides to provide the mental health treatment and crisis stabilization supports that are needed in the justice system.

As always, thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of individuals living with mental illness and addiction.

Sincerely,

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