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Dear Dr. Moutier:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Thursday, September 18, 2014, to testify at the hearing entitled "Suicide Prevention and Treatment: Helping Loved Ones in Mental Health Crisis."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

Also attached are Member requests made during the hearing. The format of your responses to these requests should follow the same format as your responses to the additional questions for the record.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, October 20, 2014. Your responses should be mailed to Brittany Havens, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to brittany.havens@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachments

Attachment 1—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. The 2012 National Strategy identifies changing the tone of the current public conversation about suicide and suicide prevention as one of its priority areas for 2012-2014.
 - a. Is there any correlation between reductions in stigma surrounding mental illness and an actual reduction in suicides?
 - b. In your view, what is the proper role of the federal government in changing the tone or national narratives involved in this public conversation, including combatting the stigma surrounding serious mental illness?
2. A stated goal of the Prioritized Research Agenda is to reduce suicides by 20% in five years and 40% in the next ten years, assuming all recommendations are fully implemented.
 - a. How were these targets arrived at?
 - b. In your view, how realistic are these targets, particularly in light of our record of performance until this time?

Attachment 2—Member Requests for the Record

During the hearing, Members asked you to provide additional information for the record, and you indicated that you would provide that information. For your convenience, descriptions of the requested information are provided below.

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1. Please provide the Committee with any studies, reports, or data that you referenced during the hearing.