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The Honorable Robert E. Latta
2467 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Mr. Latta,

I am grateful for your work and effort to enact H.R. 7147, The Creating Resources to Improve Situations of Inherent Severity Act, CRISIS Act. Ohio is working hard to address the needs of those in behavioral health crisis, but there is much more work ahead.

The Ohio Project Stepping Up, under Retired Justice Evelyn Stratton's leadership, has paved the way for 48+ counties to create more efficient and effective solutions for individuals in behavioral health crisis. But we need better treatment options other than simply the Emergency Department or Jail, and are grateful your office is leading the way to expand the Mental Health Block Grant to include certain additional crisis care services.

Peg's Foundation is a philanthropic foundation based in Ohio, currently partnering with a number of state and national behavioral health organizations to promote better crisis services. Please consider us a resource for information and work within our state, and supportive of your overall efforts to serve those in crisis.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Kellar".

Rick Kellar, President
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