

**Statement for the Record of Rep. Anna G. Eshoo**  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Communications and Technology Subcommittee Markup  
of H.R. 2345, H.R. 5709, H.R. 3994, and H.R. 4881  
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I'm proud to support H.R. 2345, the bipartisan National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2017, and believe it will go a long way to help people.

I have long been a champion for mental health, since my time on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. When someone is struggling mentally, reaching out for help can seem like the hardest thing to do.

This bill will further the goal of making access to critical support services as simple as possible. It starts a process to create a new three-digit number for Americans to reach the National Suicide Prevention Hotline.

This is a tried-and-true system we know works in emergencies already. We all taught our children when they were very young to dial 911. It's simple, accessible, and easy to remember in times of chaos.

This bill applies that same logic to mental crises. Our hope is that in the end, like 911, it's going to help save lives.

As Members of Congress, helping to save American lives is one of our greatest callings. I know how much this bill will mean to my constituents and to the people who love them, and I'm proud to support it.