

**SB 273**  
**Proponent Testimony**

Dear members of the committee, my name is Tamara Melnick and I am from Jackson Township in Stark County. I am urging you today to vote for SB 273, which would help protect veterans experiencing mental health crises.

When my daughter was in middle school, one of her classmates was killed by his veteran father in a murder-suicide. Imagine the horror the last moments of his life must have been. We don't need to imagine the trauma that was suffered by his teammates and classmates, we saw it firsthand. Now imagine having the power to reduce the likelihood of this sort of tragedy. YOU have that power, if you vote for this bill.

Please vote YES for SB 273.