

November 28, 2023

The Honorable Haraz Ghanbari
Chairman, Ohio House Homeland Security Committee
77 S. high Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Support Letter and Proponent Testimony for House Bill 248

Dear Chairman Ghanbari,

My name is Debbie Repko McClintock and I have had six suicides impact my life and those close to me: someone's Father, someone's boyfriend/fiancé, someone's longtime friend and most recently, my cousins son. Even closer yet, in 2012, I lost my husband, Pete, and son, Logan, to suicide within five months of each other. There is a Garth Brooks song that says "one hand reaches out and pulls a lost soul from harm. While a thousand more go unspoken for, they say what good have you done by saving just this one. It's like whispering a prayer in the fury of a storm ..." if we save one life with the passing of HB248 then much good will be done. If with just three numbers, "988" we show someone there IS light in their darkness and that THEY MATTER, then we have saved a life and a family. OSPF will receive \$10 of each plate sale which goes directly back into the new fund we have created, titled the Logan fund, in honor of all the lives we've lost to suicide and to honor the memory of those like my son, Logan Repko. Please reach your hand out and help save lives with the passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

Debbie Repko McClintock