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Dear Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and the members of the Health & Human Services Committee:

My name is Ophelia Hu Kinney, and I live in Scarborough. I'm writing to urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 1216.

In my capacities as a local lay minister and a support group facilitator for new parents: I have the blessing and heartrending challenge of being with Mainers facing emotional and mental vulnerability. Some of this vulnerability is due to unpredictable availability of resources that we depend on as parents and community members. This federal administration has increased that burden.

Enshrining the existence of the 988 crisis hotline would be a valuable step toward outfitting Mainers with a dependable resource. Any of us could need this hotline someday. And each of us has the opportunity through the enactment of this bill to look out for our neighbors, and perhaps for our future selves.

Thank you for your consideration.