I called the Crisis Line when I was 14 and it saved my life. That was over 40 years ago and I was lucky I remembered the number. At that time, it was 1-800-SUICIDE. That number no longer connects people to the right place. Now people call 1-800-273-TALK. It’s cumbersome and hard to remember. It will save lives to have an easy to remember 3-digit number. When you are in a crisis, you don’t have time to look up an 800 number.

And it shouldn’t be 211. People know that number is for housing and referrals. There should be an emergency number that takes you directly to the Lifeline. It should be a 3-digit number like 911.