I am writing to comment on The National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act which creates an important opportunity to significantly reduce the suicide rate in the United States. I am grateful to the FCC for their commitment to address this important issue.

I lost my 16-yea-old son T.J. to suicide on December 1, 2010. T.J. was an out-going, intelligent, athletic boy always quick to laugh and smile and give hugs. T.J. also struggled with depression and worked hard to mask his pain behind a smile.

Understanding that something was going on, but not knowing where to turn for help put so many barriers in our path to finding help for T.J. I firmly believe a N11 number and increased funding to properly support the Lifeline will do much to reduce suicide which continues to be a leading cause of death globally and in this country.