

As a crisis line director I want to express my concerns about returning 1-800-suicide to the previous provider, Hopelink. Our call center is part of the Lifeline network, a national suicide prevention call center funded through SAMHSA. We have a written agreement to provide these services through Lifeline. We have not been approached by Hopelink nor have any current written agreement to provide that call center service if 1-800-suicide is returned to their control.

Additionally, unless Hopelink solicits our partnership, callers in our region that call 1-800-suicide will not receive the same level of 24/7 crisis intervention services as they do now via Lifeline. Given the nature of the calls, that could result in lives lost.

WE appreciate and benefit from Lifeline and SAMHSA's ongoing support for our call center. We support having 1-800-suicide remain in their capable hands.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important issue.