



March 18, 2026

My name is Lee Flinn, and I serve as the Director of Idaho Crisis & Suicide Hotline, Idaho's 988 center. **I'm here today in support of House Bill 860.**

For more than 13 years, our organization has been serving Idahoans in crisis. People reach out to 988 when they are overwhelmed, worried about someone they love, or facing thoughts of suicide.

HB 860 is an important step forward. It ensures that when a young person reaches out in crisis—including suicidal crisis—our team can respond and provide immediate support focused on safety and stabilization.

That immediate human connection can be the difference between a crisis escalating—or a life being saved.

I want to thank Pro-Tem Anthon for the effort he put into this issue over the past year. This would not have come together without his leadership.

On behalf of Idaho Crisis & Suicide Hotline, we appreciate this effort and respectfully ask for your support of House Bill 860.

Testimony submitted by:

Lee Flinn, MBA

Director, Idaho Crisis & Suicide Hotline

lflinn@idahocrisis.org

(208) 258-6991