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June 17, 2026

Scholarship For Service Program Office
200 Granby Street, Suite 500
Norfolk, VA 23510-1886

Re: Letter of Support - The National Mental Health Network, Limeport, PA
Qualified Critical Infrastructure NGO - 15 U.S. Code § 7442 - Scholarship for Service Program

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the designation of The National Mental Health Network as a Qualified Critical Infrastructure NGO under 15 U.S. Code § 7442 within the Federal CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service Program. This designation would strengthen our ability to address critical gaps in veteran mental health support, which is an area of significant public safety, public health, and national security concern.

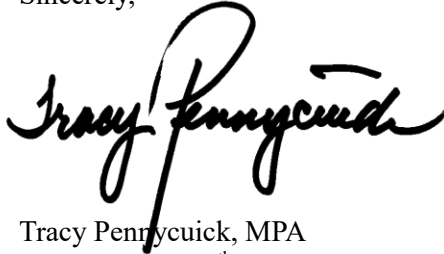
The National Mental Health Network (NMHN) operates EverBridge, an AI-enabled mental health screening and referral platform designed to reach the 6.2 million U.S. veterans who fall outside the Department of Veterans Affairs' current screening system. EverBridge provides anonymous and stigma-free assessments, identifies key risk factors such as housing issues, food insecurity, and financial strain, and connects veterans with trusted local support resources tailored by ZIP code. The program aligns with state, local, and federal priorities and helps address well-documented capacity limitations across government agencies.

NMHN's mission reflects the intent behind the Critical Infrastructure NGO designation. Their work supports overstretched mental health systems at all levels of government, creates an important entry point for early identification and prevention of mental health crises among veterans, reduces pressure on emergency and crisis response systems through early intervention, and strengthens community resilience by offering accessible, non-clinical pathways to care.

Because the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's earlier, non-AI screening system was previously recognized as a Qualified Critical Infrastructure NGO, NMHN's continuation and expansion of that work is both logical and necessary. EverBridge improves on the previous system with advanced technology and a broader capacity to reach underserved veterans.

As a veteran, I respectfully request approval of NMHN's request for acknowledgment as a Qualified Critical Infrastructure NGO under 15 U.S. Code § 7442. This designation will help ensure that this essential, community-aligned resource continues to grow and reach veterans who have long been underserved. Thank you for your consideration of my support for The National Mental Health Network. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Pennycuick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "T".

Tracy Pennycuick, MPA
State Senator, 24th District
Berks and Montgomery Counties

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CC: Dr. Nicholas Birocik, Executive Director – The National Mental Health Network