

BeeThe1ToHelpSomeone

Advocacy Update

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For **September Suicide Prevention Month**, we have participated with volunteer advocates across the nation! **Thank you for supporting policy activities over the last few weeks.** Your individual and collective voices have truly made an impact with lawmakers and in our communities:

- Advocates sent over 9,300 emails to members of Congress in support of key suicide prevention legislation, including the *Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act* [H.R.1667/S.610](#); the *HERO Act* [H.R.1480/S.2700](#); and the *Tele-Mental Health Improvement Act* [H.R.2264/S.660](#).
- Nearly 400 advocates participated in sending letters to the editor campaign, sending over 3,000 letters to over 1,000 media outlets across the country. Many were published.

To wrap up the month, **BeeThe1ToHelpSomeone** in collaboration with **The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** ask our supporters and advocates to **recruit 3 new volunteers** to join our advocacy network, it's now 36,000 strong! Call your member of congress and ask them to support key suicide prevention legislation. (202) 224-3121. Click here for list of members of Congress.

Here are helpful links:

- [Click here](#) to request info about **BeeThe1ToHelpSomeone** advocacy.
- View the webinar on *Policy Approaches to Preventing Suicide Among Health Professionals and First Responders*, [here](#).
- View the **988 national suicide number** panel discussion from the *American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's* for World Suicide Prevention Day on Facebook livestream [@AFSPnational](#) (start around the 2:55:00 time frame).

Thank you again for your ongoing support during **September Suicide Prevention Month** and throughout the year.

Volunteer & Bee A Mental Health Advocate