
Dear Mr. President,

In the United States one in four families is affected by serious mental illness. This is a devastating illness not just for the individual but also for the entire family. The health and productivity of our country depends upon addressing the needs of this community.

Fortunately you have already done important work to help achieve better services and support. Your New Freedom Commission's on Mental Health produced a report: *Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America*.

The Summary concludes that the Mental Health Care Delivery System must **"ensure that ... services and supports actively facilitate recovery, and build resilience to face life's challenges."**

Drawing national attention to the transformation of the mental health model to one of Recovery and Resilience would bring earlier diagnosis of these distressing illnesses and improve the quality of life for many people receiving services, as well as their family members.

As a supporter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), I want to encourage you to give a Rose Garden speech in order to publicize the conclusions of the President's New Freedom Commission's Executive Summary entitled: *Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America*.

Yours truly,