Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

***OR***

Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Ohio House of Representatives
Riffe Center
77 S. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_,

On behalf of *<Insert Organization>,* I write today to ask for your continued support of the historic community behavioral health investments in the FY 24-25 state budget bill, House Bill 33.

Today, more Ohioans of all ages need mental health and substance use services – yet most have difficulty accessing care due to the lack of available providers. *<Personalize your letter by sharing some of the experiences your organization is dealing with in the workforce space>*

As the legislature continues budget deliberations, *<Insert Organization>* respectfully asks for your support of the below requests:

* Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for community behavioral health services by an additional 10%, for a total of 20%, to stabilize and strengthen the behavioral health workforce
* Maintain the 988 funding of $46.5 million across the biennium to fully support the 988 call, text, and chat capabilities across the state
* Maintain the increased investments in Residential State Supplement to support the expansion of recovery housing and support services

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Investments in community behavioral health will help lay a foundation for a future that supports the health and economic wellbeing of Central Ohio’s children, families, and communities so they have the tools to succeed and ability to thrive.

Sincerely,

<Name>

<Title>

<Organization>