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I am writing in favor of H8211 which requests an appropriation” to support a program to place community health workers at libraries and other community-based organizations to support community and individual resilience”.

As the director of the Pawtucket Public Library, I see situations every day where a community health worker could make a difference in someone's life. I have called the rescue frequently for someone when all the person probably needed was good advice and /or a connection to the appropriate healthcare service. Making the right connection could be the difference between someone sleeping on the street or finding a safe place to live.

With healthcare costs rising and medical personal in short supply this service will lessen the demands on our overworked medical personal and lead to a healthier and happier community.

Sincerely yours,



Susan L. Reed
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