

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Jasmine Fuller, and I am writing to share my experience as a mother whose life was forever changed by the loss of my son. I offer this testimony in strong support of continued and expanded funding for the GO TEAM®.

The day I learned that my son had taken his own life, my world stopped. No parent is ever prepared for that kind of news. Amid overwhelming shock, grief, and confusion, I did not know what to do, who to call, or how to take even the next step forward.

That is when I was introduced to the GO TEAM®. Emily DePasquale, the program manager, responded alongside Providence detectives to deliver the news. She helped steady me as I began to comprehend one of the most devastating moments of my life. Emily and her teammate, Kelsey, met me at the hospital and remained by my side throughout the day, including as I faced the unimaginable task of identifying my son. In those moments, I was not alone. They spoke with care, explained each step, and ensured I understood what was happening, even when I could barely process anything at all. Though they had never met me before, they supported me with a level of compassion and presence I will never forget.

They guided me through decisions I never thought I would have to make, including accompanying me to the funeral home to begin arrangements. When everything felt impossible, they made it manageable, one step at a time. Just as meaningful, they did not disappear after that first day. Emily continued to check-in with me and my family, ensuring we remained supported. She attended my son's funeral, standing quietly in solidarity and reminding me that I was not alone in my grief.

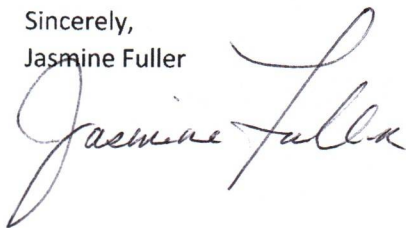
The GO TEAM® provided more than services- they provided compassion, stability, and humanity during the darkest time in my life. They filled a gap that no other system or resource could have filled in that moment of crisis. I cannot imagine having gone through that experience without them.

Programs like the GO TEAM® are essential. They ensure that families like mine are not left to navigate trauma and loss alone. Their work is immediate, personal, and deeply impactful, and it deserves continued investment and expansion so that every family in crisis can receive the same care and dignity that I did.

I respectfully urge you to include expanded funding for the GO TEAM® in the Governor's budget so they can continue this vital work and reach even more families in need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jasmine Fuller

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jasmine Fuller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and "F".