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Dear Dr. Boon:

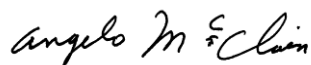
Thank you for the opportunity to review the “Suicide Prevention and the Clinical Workforce: Guidelines for Training” which was prepared by the Clinical Workforce Preparedness Task Force of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. On behalf of the National Association of Social Workers’ 130,000 members, I am writing you to endorse these guidelines.

As you may be aware, social workers are major providers of mental health services and are actively involved in suicide prevention. The “Suicide Prevention and the Clinical Workforce: Guidelines for Training” are universal and can be easily adapted by social workers in a variety of settings at any level of social work practice. They also provide a great framework for suicide educational training that may be used nationally by social work continuing education programs to help ensure competency in the social work community.

Thank you for seeking NASW’s input. We look forward to working with you in the future on other suicide prevention programs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-336-8200.

Sincerely,



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