



Dear Member,

Today we look to the future; a future of uncertainty; a future of change; and in many ways, a future of opportunity.

As our nation prepares itself for the transition of our national leadership, one thing remains certain. We, at NAMI, will continue our fight. Neither our work, nor our message changes with the political winds. What drives us isn't dependent on the outcome of elections.

Our goal, our north star, is as clear as it's ever been. All people living with mental illness, and their families, are treated with the same dignity and fairness as anyone else with any other medical condition. We fight to break down the barriers to accessing care and eliminating the stigma that creates those barriers in the first place.

At the state level, we will continue to work with our partners in the legislature regardless of political affiliation. We will do this because we know mental illness knows no political party. As we welcome new members to the legislature, we will work with them so they understand our mission. We will recruit them to our cause. We will build up our champions and find new allies for mental health.

We fight together for positive change, we do not stop, we will keep marching forward, so the future we leave for our children and grandchildren is better than the one we faced. While we navigate these changes, we remain focused on the opportunities to move our message forward and stand together as NAMI, as a family, and for our future.

In community,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Cruz".

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