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H. R. 10216

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require recipients of assistance under chapter 53 of such title to display information regarding the suicide prevention hotline on public transportation owned or operated by the recipient.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN (for herself, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. ROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Public Transit Mental
5 Health Awareness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SUICIDE PREVENTION HOT-**
2 **LINE.**

3 Section 5323 of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(w) PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SUICIDE PREVENTION
7 HOTLINE.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A recipient (including a
9 subrecipient) of assistance under this chapter shall
10 display on public transportation owned or operated
11 by the recipient, in a location visible to public trans-
12 portation passengers, information regarding the sui-
13 cide prevention hotline maintained pursuant to sec-
14 tion 520E–3 of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 290bb–36c), including that such hotline is
16 free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day.

17 “(2) SATISFACTION OF REQUIREMENT.—A re-
18 cipient (or subrecipient) may satisfy the requirement
19 under paragraph (1) by displaying the information
20 referred to in such paragraph—

21 “(A) on all rolling stock vehicles of such
22 recipient; or

23 “(B) in all transit facilities of such recipi-
24 ent.

25 “(3) REASONABLE COMPLIANCE.—If any public
26 display of information required under paragraph (1)

1 is temporarily damaged, removed, vandalized, or oth-
2 erwise unavailable, the recipient (or subrecipient) re-
3 sponsible shall not be considered to be out of compli-
4 ance with this subsection provided that the recipient
5 makes a reasonable effort to replace or restore such
6 display.

7 “(4) REVENUE-GENERATING ADVERTISING
8 SPACE.—The display of information required under
9 this subsection shall not interfere with revenue-gen-
10 erating advertising space.

11 “(5) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement
12 under paragraph (1) shall take effect 1 year after
13 the date of enactment of this subsection.”.

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