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The Honorable Ed Hernandez  
Chair, Senate Health Committee  
California State Capitol, Room 2191  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**RE: AB 1315 (Mullin): Mental health: early psychosis detection and intervention – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hernandez,

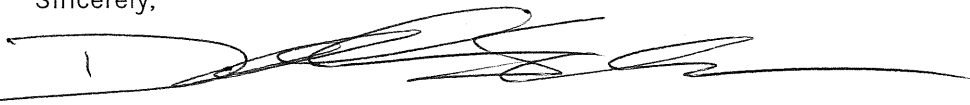
Verily is pleased to SUPPORT AB 1315 by Assemblymember Kevin Mullin. AB 1315 provides the opportunity to expand evidenced-based detection and intervention mental health services to transition-aged youth and young adults who are at-risk of, or experiencing, psychotic symptoms or have other serious mood disorders. As a representative of Verily, whose goal is to advance and promote preventive healthcare solutions, I believe that AB 1315 supports local communities developing innovative solutions in support of this mission.

Assemblymember Mullin's AB 1315 would accomplish this by creating a public-private partnership to provide additional and alternative funding for counties, access to timely expertise, and objective measures of program effectiveness. This partnership could bolster the efforts of individual counties working to develop innovative approaches and expanded local capacity for early detection and treatment of early psychosis to protect California's youth.

AB 1315 provides for an expedited competitive selection process to be administered by the Commission, under the leadership of the Advisory Committee. This entire process would be structured and awarded through the collaboration of these two entities. The intent is to provide objective cross-functional and expert engagement, a defined public administrative process, and the ability to create new programs or to expand and improve existing ones at the local level.

Nearly 100,000 adolescents and young adults experience first-episode psychosis each year nationally. And we agree that California should meet this challenge with early detection and preventive programs statewide. Verily is pleased to support AB 1315, and we respectfully ask for your "Aye" vote. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Kevin Mullin, Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly  
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