



Rep. Dailey-Provost:

On behalf of Huntsman Mental Health Foundation, I am writing to express our strong support for the research project outlined in H.B. 390 and led by Dr. Ben Lewis and Dr. Murnane at Huntsman Mental Health Institute. This project represents an important investment in advancing mental health research and innovation in Utah and aligns closely with our mission to support evidence-based solutions that improve mental health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities across the state and beyond.

Huntsman Mental Health Foundation serves as the fundraising and awareness arm of the Institute. Through philanthropic partnerships, we work to accelerate research, expand access to care, and advance innovative approaches to addressing the mental health crisis facing Utah and the nation.

We are prepared to commit private philanthropic matching funds in support of this project. Our Foundation anticipates ongoing donor interest in supporting research initiatives of this caliber, and we are confident in our ability to leverage private contributions to complement public investment and strengthen the long-term impact of this work.

We believe this public-private partnership model is essential to advancing high-impact research while maximizing taxpayer investment. State support through H.B. 390 would not only enable this specific project to move forward but would also serve as a catalyst for continued philanthropic engagement and sustained research funding over time.

We are committed to working closely with Institute leadership, the research team, and state partners to ensure accountability, transparency, and meaningful outcomes as this project progresses.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to advancing mental health research and innovation in Utah. Please do not hesitate to reach out if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

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