

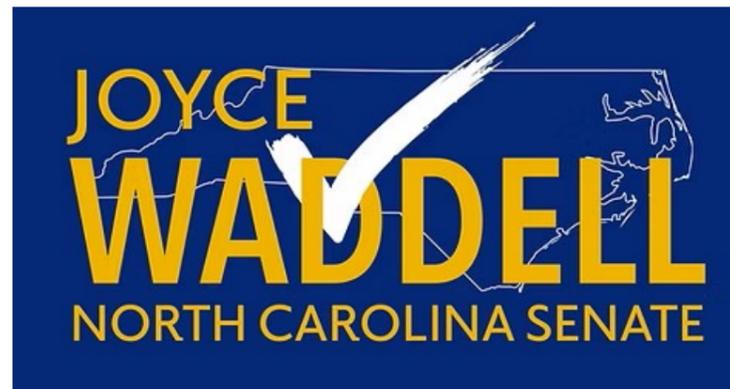
## Better care. Fairer funding. Help us make it law.



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Friend,

I'm reaching out today as a lifelong advocate for better healthcare and stronger communities. As we continue working to ensure that every North Carolinian has access to the care they need, I'm proud to share that I've sponsored a crucial piece of legislation; [Senate Bill 177](#) that addresses a long-overlooked area of our healthcare system: **mental health access**.

This bill would include **freestanding psychiatric hospitals in North Carolina's Medicaid Healthcare Access and Stabilization Program (HASP)**, allowing these vital institutions to receive fairer reimbursements for the care they provide. It's a step forward for patients, providers, and families alike.

By boosting Medicaid support and creating a more equitable funding model, we are helping these hospitals stay open, staffed, and able to serve our most vulnerable residents. Mental health care isn't a luxury, it's a necessity. And with this legislation, we're ensuring it's treated that way.

But progress like this doesn't happen alone. I'm counting on supporters like you to help push this bill forward and fight for the resources our communities need.

**Can you contribute today to help us expand access to mental health care across North Carolina?**

**DONATE**

Together, we can deliver real solutions, not just for those facing mental health challenges, but for the families and communities who support them every day.

Thank you for standing with me in this critical work.

**Senator Joyce Waddell**

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