



DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS APPLAUD PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR CONFRONTING THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Washington, D.C. – Tonight, President Biden delivered his first State of the Union address of his presidency where he outlined his administration’s priorities to curtail the conflict in Ukraine, to continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and to further grow the U.S. economy. In addition, the President put forward a comprehensive strategy to address the growing mental health crisis in America.

“Let’s take on mental health, especially among our children, whose lives and education have been turned upside down,” President Biden said. “Let’s get all Americans the mental health services they need.”

In a comprehensive plan released earlier today, President Biden acknowledged social isolation as a factor in the growing national mental health crisis and put forward a range of policies to address it, including: building system capacity, connecting people to care, and providing support to American adults and youth by strengthening social connection and addressing mental health equity. More information on President Biden’s plan to address the national mental health crisis can be found [here](#).

“Tens of millions of Americans of all ages struggle with social isolation and lack meaningful social connection with others, a mental health crisis compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Andrew MacPherson, Founder and Chairman of the Coalition. “We applaud President Biden for not only recognizing the burgeoning mental health crisis in America but also showing extraordinary leadership to address it.”

The Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness brings together a diverse set of national organizations including consumer groups, health plans, health care providers, technology innovators, patient advocates and more to develop and advocate for federal policy solutions to address the epidemic of social isolation and loneliness. For more information, please visit: www.endsocialisolation.org.