

make a statement

let candidates and others know what you think

If you want mental health care to be a priority in the 2012 elections, you don't have to wait to ask a question. You can *make a statement*.

Not sure what to say? Pick from our suggested statements below, presented in a 140-character limit. Post them on candidates' websites, Facebook pages or Twitter accounts in your online communities.

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Mental illness doesn't go away in bad economic times—neither should funding for mental health care. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

One veteran dies by suicide approximately every 80 min. Veterans' mental health should be a top priority for America. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

Six in ten adults who need mental health services don't get treatment. We need candidates who will improve access to care. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

Three-quarters of serious mental illness occurs by age 24. Screening and early intervention improves lives and helps families. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

People living with mental illness are overrepresented in jails and prisons. End the criminalization of mental illness. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

Mental health treatment works, but many aren't getting care they need. Access is part of the solution. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

Few people expect to experience mental illness, but when it hits, mental health coverage should be there to help. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

Covering mental health saves lives and saves families money. It's the help that's needed in tough economic times. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

Mental health services need to be there when people need them. It's an investment in our families and our communities. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)

Over 50% of students with a mental disorder over 14 drop out of school. Early intervention can save lives. [#vote4mentalhealth](#)