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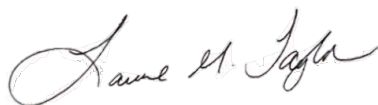
Dear NAMI leaders:

On behalf of the NAMI Indiana Board of Directors, it is my honor to formally nominate Ray Lay for the 2024 slate of candidates for re-election to serve on the NAMI Board of Directors. Ray has served on the NAMI Indiana board of directors since 2015 and continues to expand his advocacy around mental health and substance use disorders, the treatment of those with conditions, as well as work in criminal justice and homelessness issues.

Since being elected to the NAMI national board of directors in 2021, Ray has served as member of the Peer Support Committee and Criminal Justice Workforce work group, and serves as the Service Members, Veterans, and Families (SMVF) Council liaison to the Board President. He remains a representative and leader for mental health in Indiana and across the country; is the longest serving veteran Peer Support Specialist at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center with more than 5,000 hours of service; is the founder/owner of SMI Enterprises LLC; and was recently elected to the Corporation for Supportive Housing board of directors.

Ray contributes countless volunteer hours to NAMI Indiana, generous financial gifts, and expertise to the NAMI Indiana board and membership in addition to his roles with the national board. I am confident that Ray will continue to be an asset to the NAMI Board and fully endorse his nomination so that he may continue his and NAMI's advocacy work further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie M. Taylor".

Laurie M. Taylor, President  
NAMI Indiana, Inc. Board of Directors