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National Alliance on Mental Illness

# Alabama

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NAMI

Attn: Elections 2024

4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22203

Dear NAMI 2024 Elections Committee,

The NAMI Alabama Board is proud to submit the name of Cedric Leonard as a candidate for the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors. The nomination of Cedric Leonard was confirmed on March 9<sup>th</sup>, as the accompanying minutes show. Cedric Leonard is an active member of NAMI Shelby.

Cedric Leonard is an exceptional candidate for the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors. He served two terms on the NAMI Alabama Board of Directors. He was instrumental in expanding CIT in Alabama. He was also very involved in advocacy efforts to expand access to treatment services in the state. Cedric has also been a resource in fundraising due to his extensive connections throughout the state. In addition to a long career in law enforcement, Cedric also has a Master's Degree in Counseling and is currently a Doctoral candidate in Psychology at Liberty University.

For these reasons, the NAMI Alabama Board supports the nomination of Cedric Leonard to serve families and individuals affected by mental illness as a member of the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly Emerson, Executive Director