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National Alliance on Mental Illness

*Providing advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that
all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.*

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April 13, 2025

NAMI
Attn: Elections 2025
4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22203

Dear NAMI 2025 Elections Committee,

The NAMI Southwest Ohio Board is proud to submit the name of Dave Slusher as a candidate for the 2025-2026 NAMI Board of Directors. The nomination of Dave Slusher was confirmed on March 6, 2025. Dave Slusher is an active member of NAMI Southwest Ohio.

Dave Slusher is an exceptional candidate for the 2025-2026 NAMI Board of Directors. Dave will make a meaningful contribution to national board service through his unwavering commitment to NAMI's mission and belief in the organization's potential to help even more people. He has dedicated a decade of his life to exemplary volunteerism, and his consistent presence has made him an invaluable part of our efforts and a true champion of our mission. Over the past nine years, Dave has served as one of our most devoted Family-to-Family facilitators, guiding hundreds of families along their journeys with empathy and compassion. This month, he will begin teaching his 26th course, several counties over from where he lives, to help us serve a hard-to-reach rural community. His ability to build lasting connections is evident in the many program graduates he's inspired and mentored as they become leaders themselves. Dave's active involvement in community engagement via many presentations has significantly strengthened local impact and visibility. He brings a unique combination of initiative and collaboration—qualities that shine in moments like stepping in to support fellow leaders without hesitation and build bridges in unexpected relationships. Dave approaches challenges with strength always tempered by kindness, contributing thoughtful feedback and innovative ideas to enhance programming. His passion, determination, and lived experience as a father make him an invaluable asset who will enrich NAMI with both heart and vision.

For these reasons, the NAMI Southwest Ohio Board supports the nomination of Dave Slusher to serve families and individuals affected by mental illness as a member of the 2025-2026 NAMI Board of Directors. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Katie Harper
Executive Director



Mark Verratti
Board President