



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Northern Virginia

March 25, 2025

NAMI

Attn: Elections 2025

4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22203

Dear NAMI 2025 Elections Committee,

The NAMI Northern Virginia Board is proud to submit the name of our Executive Director, Rebecca Kiessling, as a candidate for the 2025-2026 NAMI Board of Directors. The nomination of Rebecca Kiessling was noted at the Board meeting of March 9, 2025. Rebecca Kiessling is an active member of our affiliate,

As Chair of the Board of Directors of NAMI Northern Virginia, I am honored to give my strongest endorsement to Rebecca Kiessling as a candidate for the NAMI Board of Directors. Since assuming leadership on April 11, 2022, she has been nothing short of transformative. Under her guidance, our affiliate has reached new heights—dramatically increasing NAMI's name recognition, forging critical partnerships, and expanding services transformed our affiliate, significantly increasing NAMI's name recognition in the region, forging critical new partnerships, and expanding our services to meet the ever growing needs of our community. Her leadership has strengthened our advocacy efforts, increased outreach to diverse and underserved populations, and enhanced our programs to provide unparalleled mental health support. Rebecca's strategic vision, tireless dedication, and results-driven approach have been instrumental in elevating NAMI Northern Virginia. She is precisely the kind of leader NAMI needs at the national level to drive meaningful change and advance our mission nationwide.

For these reasons, the NAMI Northern Virginia Board supports the nomination of Rebecca Kiessling 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,

Mary Rollins

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Chair, Board of Directors
NAMI Northern Virginia