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**Action Must be Taken to Preserve Mental Health Services in [YOUR COUNTY]**

Due to years of underfunding, Pennsylvania’s mental health system is in crisis.  [YOUR COUNTY], along with the other 66 counties in the Commonwealth, are at a breaking point and are struggling to maintain crucial community-based services.

QUOTE ABOUT THE SERVICES YOUR RESIDENTS RELY ON AND WHY IT’S SO VITAL

To keep up with the increasing demand, counties are calling for a significant investment of $250 million in the county mental health base for 2024-2025 fiscal year. This is the step in rebuilding a crumbling system that has been severely underfunded for more than two decades.

QUOTE ABOUT WHAT YOUR COUNTY COULD DO WITH MORE FUNDING AND WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF YOU DON’T RECEIVE AN INCREASE

[YOUR COUNTY] is joining every county in Pennsylvania in urging the Shapiro Administration and the General Assembly to take immediate action and develop a long-term plan for further increases over the next five to ten years that can develop a strong system to benefit all Pennsylvania.

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