

AMSN 2024
Unit 8: Z- Chap. 17 (1H total)
Online Assignment: LEGISLATOR WORKSHEET

Instructions:

- Complete this form using Ohio and U.S. Links Provided
 - o You are to look up information based on your zip code (zip code must include all 9 numbers – including the +4 number)
- Complete the assignment at the end of the document

Your name: Taylor Whitworth
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<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>

Ohio House of Representatives

Name of your Ohio Representative: **Joseph A. Miller III**

Party affiliation: **Democratic Party** District number: **53**

Hometown: **Lorain County, Amherst**

Expiration date of current term: **12/31/2024**
Eligible for another term? **yes**

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be *complete* and *accurate*: -

Agriculture, Energy and natural resources, Finance, finance subcommittee on agriculture, development, and natural resources, higher education, primary and secondary education

Ohio Senate

Name of your Ohio State Senator: **Nathan H. Manning**

Party affiliation: **Republican** District number: **13**

Hometown: Lorain county, North Ridgeville

Expiration date of current term: **12/31/2026**

Eligible for another term? **Yes**

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate:

Fianance, Insurance, Judiciary (chairman), local government

U.S. Senate

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

United States Senators representing Ohio:

- A. Name of Senator(s), including *Party, years of service, and year of term end*
(Click on *Biographical Directory Listing*)
1. **Sherrod Brown, Democratic, 1993-2007 & 2007-present, term ending 2025**
 2. **J.D Vance, Republican, 2023-present, term ending 2029**

U.S. House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Name of Congressional representative:

- **Robert E Latta,**

Party affiliation: **Republican**

District number: **5th**

Assignment:

- You are to write a letter to one of the legislators above regarding a current healthcare issue or bill.
- Complete this worksheet and letter, and place both in the Z-Chapter 17 dropbox by 4/5/2024 at 0800.
- **You are expected to mail a copy of your letter to the legislator.**

April 3, 2024

The Honorable Joseph A. Miller III
U.S House of Representative

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
U.S. Senator of Ohio

Dear Members of Congress:

My name is Taylor Whitworth and I am a current student at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing. I am part of the current graduating class of May 2024. The school I attend is a Diploma program and has been around since 1905. They have trained so many nursing professionals and I am so glad to be a part of such an amazing school. This school is based out of Erie County.

I am writing regarding Pediatric Mental Health and how it is so important for the healthcare system to address these issues within our younger population. While in nursing school I work at a hospital and I encounter many pediatric patients through the ER who I sit with 1:1 due to suicide attempts. Adults aren't the only people who need mental health services, children face many stressors, depression, and anxiety. They also encounter childhood traumatic stress (physical, mental, and emotional abuse), demands of school, changes in their bodies, and problems with friends. While doing some research I found that 1 in 5 children has a diagnosable mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder and many of them do not receive the help they need.

As adults, we have grown and have developed coping skills, that not all children have and lack the resources to even get that type of help. I believe all children should have access to some form of counseling. This issue should be screened at home and in schools, not waiting until an attempt happens and the patient is in the emergency department. Some mental health issues that can be identified and treated are such things as fear and anxiety disorders, sleeping and eating disorders, OCD, and depression. Through counseling these children can learn how to cope with stress and stressful events. There are several effective ways to deal with pediatric mental health such as medications, relaxation techniques, exercise, rest, etc.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I believe that this is a rising issue in the current healthcare system and we really should intervene and try to get these children the help they deserve.

Sincerely,

Taylor Whitworth
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