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STATEMENT

on the Shooting Tragedy in Sandy Hook, CT

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The shooting rampage that occurred at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut yesterday is a tragedy that has touched all Americans.

We join the nation in extending our sympathies to the families and friends of all of the individuals who were killed or injured during this horrifying attack.

Early news reports have opened a national dialogue that includes discussion about mental health and mental illness. As an association representing treatment providers and professionals, the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) is committed to helping Americans better understand the role and support that the behavioral health community can provide - both to support those who have suffered a trauma and to provide early intervention and treatment for those experiencing mental or addictive disorders.

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