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## **LETTER: Mental health deserves better funding**

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Dear Editor: I have been watching the news and reading our local newspaper concerning so much violence in our communities and nation. I just cannot understand why more dollars are not being allocated for mental health.

Our state of Alabama has closed most of our community health care facilities. There are so many people in need of mental health services and interventions. However, some people don't have health care insurance that will cover these services, nor have any other means to pay.

As a former employee who worked in mental health for years, I know there is a need for more funding. Come on people, do you hear and see what's going on? I do.

I hope in this year, 2015, our chosen politicians, locally and nationally, will go back and look and reconsider allocating more funding for mental health. This may help decrease some of the violent behavior being demonstrated around the world.

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