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As a Ph.D. in Social Thought from the University of Chicago (1969), I observe the many forms of mental health distress in our society, and the resulting misbehaviors that are so costly to law enforcement, health care and so on.

Mentally healthy people are more likely to be good and productive citizens--and God knows we need those!

Therefore,

I am writing to support the interim final rule under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (RIN 1210-AB30).

I support the strong rule that would forbid insurance companies from charging higher copayments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenses for mental health treatment than they would for other physical health care. Thank you for ensuring that mental health care and physical health care coverage are included in a single deductible.

Sincerely,

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