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You know the saying, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." I say, if you think health care for mental illnesses is expensive, add up what it costs not to treat individuals who end up homeless and in and out the neverending revolving door between emergency rooms and jail. Billions! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

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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