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Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance
Employee Benefits Security Administration, Room N-5653
U.S. Department of Labor
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200 Constitution Avenue, NW.
Washington, DC 20210

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Internal Revenue Service
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Washington, DC 20044

Re: Interim Final Rules under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008

Dear Secretary Solis, Secretary Sebelius, and Commissioner Shulman:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the Interim Final Rules under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. NH Voices for Health is a network of consumer and advocacy organizations, individuals and small businesses allied in their commitment to securing quality, affordable health care for all in New Hampshire. The network represents over 200,000 members, consumers and constituents statewide.

NH Voices for Health is grateful for the significant work and analysis that has gone into the Interim Final Rules and commends the Departments for your efforts to ensure the Act is implemented in a manner that will convey strong parity protections consistent with the intent of Congress. NH Voices for Health endorses the separate comments submitted by the Parity Implementation Coalition and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Kaplan Howe".

Lisa Kaplan Howe
Director