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I strongly support the Wellstone-Domenici Mental Health Parity Act. Individuals with mental illness or substance abuse problems can live productive, satisfying lives, if they have access to proper medical treatment. With this treatment, these individuals can dramatically improve their quality of life and their functional ability. The resulting improvement will save the insurance companies money in the long run and will benefit our entire society. Mental illness and substance abuse are treatable disorders. The treatment needs to be fairly funded by insurance.

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