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I am writing to express my strong support for 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 any legislative action that will forbid insurance companies from profiting from the social stigma associated with mental illness. Historically, the insurance industry has charged higher copayments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenses for mental health treatment than for other health care. Thank you for ensuring equality in insurance coverage. Thank you for standing up for the health and wellness of people; not the profits of an industry.

Sincerely,

Randal Burnett