Dear Mental Health Advocate:

Urgent action is required regarding the following discriminatory legislation trying to be passed in the State of Illinois. The details are pasted below. Your help in passing this information on to as many person you know asking for their action is appreciated. The following is self explanatory. Thank you.

Your Call Is Important - Gov. Quinn H.B.1015 Vote No - Oppose this bill.

Call 1- 217-782-6830

Friday, May 29, 2009 3:48 PM

To: All Behavior Associations, Physicians, Organizations, Support Groups, Mental Health advocates and consumers - interested parties. Lobbyist have been successful in having the Illinois Legislature pass revised statutes to empower a State regulatory board to discipline it's subjects to and for the following reasons. This legislation known as House Bill 1015 is awaiting the signature of Gov. Pat Quinn - HB 1015 will not become law until Quinn signs the bill. You may read the part of the bill that pertains to mental health and chronically ill persons under the domain of this agency.

Please take the time to read the excerpt below. The bill
does not allow parity with other professional boards within the state that allows the member an "inactive status" for recovery, medication, consultation or review by a physician or psychiatrist before an arbitrary decision is made by the disciplinary committee as to whether the person may continue in the practice of their profession and livelihood - the person is at the mercy of the disciplinary board of laypersons. At least the creation of an "inactive status" will allow a person to get their things in order. If you feel HB1015 is adequate and does no harm to a person finding themselves in this state of condition, then call Gov. Quinn at 1-217-782-6830 and tell him you are in support of HB 1015 as it stands, if so inclined. Or, if you find this Bill to be offensive or discriminatory, call the number above and tell the Gov. you do not support this Bill and find it punitive and discriminatory, instead of being proactive toward the mentally and chronically ill, if so inclined. If you feel you would want to write the Governor, you may address your correspondence to him at the following address: Gov. Pat Quinn, Office of the Governor, CAPITOL BLDG RM 207 SPRINGFIELD IL 62706 - 1150

Or you could do nothing. This message is being distributed by word of email - there is no list used, if you received this message in error I apologize - there is no need to unsubscribe anything because this is only being circulated by friends, associates and interested parties who are either for or against this Bill. The part of the HB1015 of interest is pasted below for you to read if you wish. Please pass this on to any person you know who would want to let their decision to be known.

frank di giovanni, sr. mental health/chronicall ill advocate/activist - DBSA Will County
(225 ILCS 458/1-10)

(a) The Department .......... may
suspend, revoke, refuse to issue, or renew, or restore a license and may reprimand place
on probation or administrative supervision, or take any disciplinary or non-disciplinary
action otherwise discipline a licensee, including imposing conditions limiting the scope,
nature, or extent of the real
estate appraisal practice of a licensee or reducing the appraisal rank of a licensee, and
may impose an administrative fine a civil penalty not to exceed $25,000 for each
violation $10,000 upon a licensee for one or any one or combination of the following:

Lines 17 thru 23..........       

Item.......(20) Habitual or excessive use or addiction to alcohol,narcotics, stimulants, or
any other chemical agent or drug
that results in a licensee's inability to practice with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.

..........(21) A physical or mental illness or disability which results in the inability to
practice under this Act with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.

if you feel
this wording is discriminatory or unfair, then
call and vote - no - oppose this bill. Ask for the
Governor to return it without signature for a better
solution. If you have a suggestion or comment, write the
Gov and let him know what
wording you feel would be fair to pass on to
the legislative body. Thank you either way.)
Even if you are from out of State - call or

write the Governor and let him know this is not proactive legislation and it enables a person

with mental health and chronically ill persons to be stimatized and scared forever. Thank you.

Thank you for contacting DBSA for depression, bipolar, mood disorders and chronically ill students. If you are reporting abuse and restraint of children at risks in a special education school - contact Frank Di Giovanni Sr., Facilitator @ 815-727-4000 or cell 815-955-0552.

Our consumers come from all nearby communities in Will, Cook and Du Page Counties - Lemont, Lockport, Plainfield, New Lenox, Bolingbrook and Joliet. Current meetings are held every Saturday @ the Lockport Library at downtown Lockport next to the First Midwest Bank on State St. (Archer Ave) and 8th St. Free parking - ask the librarian where the Community Room is: Meet 1 to 2 PM. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Walk ins are welcome. (Personal face to face session is available after the peer group meeting)

For our on-line support group and DBSA website information including other meeting and services go to: www.dbsalliance.org