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Subject: Comment in support of RIN 1210-AB30

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In my community, lack of funding for mental health care led to a fatal shooting of a high school student in a local restaurant. It rocked our community.

So you can imagine that I support the interim final rule under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (RIN 1210-AB30).

Cutting off mental health care may create short-term gains, but it's at the cost of huge long-term losses. Even when the loss isn't as dramatic as a shooting, many people's lives are badly affected when mental health care is ruled out for lack of funds. Whole families can go down.

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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