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Dear Chairmen Coleman and Fox and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Please take the following testimony into consideration and add it to your files.

**HB 5652 & HB5659 & 5683 – Position **Opposed****

Committee on Judiciary

**AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT AUTHORITY TO ENTER ORDERS RELATING TO  
OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT.**

**Out-patient commitment forces people to be on very strong and dangerous psychiatric drugs despite the side effects. Also, many categories of psychiatric drugs can increase the likelihood of violence, especially upon withdrawal or dosage change. This is really a human rights violation against people who have not been convicted of a crime.**

Sincerely,

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