

Dear members of the Insurance Committee,

I am a voter in __Stamford, CT_____ and wish to express my support for SB1085. The insurance gap for behavioral healthcare affects equity and quality of care." Mental Illness is an illness just like any other physical illness. Medical treatment shouldn't be addressed differently when it comes to unjust insurance practices for mental illness. As a parent I would do anything to help my child as I'm sure you would too. Finding the right diagnosis and treatment can take time and when a patient is uninsured it can wipe out a family's savings in an instant. The mental, physical and financial burden of taking care of someone needs to be addressed. My fight with private insurance companies has left me exhausted as I tried convincing them of supporting me in my struggle to help my daughter. Addressing mental health issues are treatable with the right treatment and in America we shouldn't prevent our citizens from unfair balance gap for behaviorial medical treatment.

Regard,

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