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To: INSTestimony
Subject: In support of H.B. 7125 and 5270

Dear Legislature,

It is time for us to find ways to fund and pay for mental health care. Addiction and Mental illness cause an enormous drain on State and Local funds in inappropriate ways. Through using jails as mental hospitals, and letting addicts return to the streets to die. We urgently need peer services to be paid for to help addicts. More pressing is putting teeth in parity payments for mental health services. Over the years, we have paid upwards of \$20k for mental healthcare for our child. Mental health care is cheaper than medical healthcare and studies show that an investment in the first, reduces costs of the second.

H.B. 7261 is a joke and not worth the time of the Legislature. Insurance companies NEVER force providers to prescribe MORE psychotropic drugs. This is an idiotic bill.

Thank you in advance,

Annette Nauraine

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