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VIA FACSIMILIE

The Honorable Herb Kohl
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kohl:

On behalf of more than 12,000 members across Wisconsin, thank you for your vote Tuesday in favor of the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008 (H.R. 6049), which would end discrimination for coverage of mental health illness. Combined with the House vote approving the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (H.R. 6983), the nation's patients are closer than ever to better access to critical health care options.

Tuesday's separate actions are promising, but there's more work to be done. Please make sure that Congress comes to an agreement on mental health parity language before the end of session. It would be a tragedy to come this far without a final action that can reach the President's desk.

Again, thank you for your vote. We will continue to educate our members on Congressional action and publish your action in our next Medigram – the Society's weekly electronic newsletter.

Sincerely,

Steven Bergin, MD