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RE: H786 An Act requiring mental health parity for disability policies
DT: 13 October 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on the Financial Services,

Thank you for hearing *H786, An Act requiring mental health parity for disability policies* before your committee on October 14th.

This bill would require that short term and long term disability insurance treat behavioral health claims just the same as physical disability claims. Currently, many policies' cap or do not cover for mental health issues based upon stigma. This is discriminatory and the Commonwealth needs to address it.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H786, An Act requiring mental health parity for disability policies* released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Heroux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Heroux