

Thank you for sending CNE's testimony along, Robert. Representative Casey, I will echo Robert in stating my support of this legislation. We know that prior authorizations create barriers for psychiatrists to prescribe the safest and most effective medications available to their patients, which result in disruptions in care and negative patient outcomes, with minimal savings to our healthcare system. (In fact, research shows that potential savings from spending less on "nonpreferred" medications is counteracted by spending more on hospitalizations and other healthcare expenses related patients doing poorly, and that some of the medication "savings" comes from patients not taking their medications at all due to the barriers created by prior authorizations, which obviously is not a desirable outcome.) These are just a [couple studies](#) that speak to problems caused by prior authorizations for psychiatric medications.

I wish I could have been present yesterday to share my support for this bill in person, and I have asked Robert to let me know of future hearings related to this bill in the House or the Senate.

Sincerely,
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