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To Chairman Casey & members of the committee,

I write to you to urge your strong support of Rep Edwards bill H 5243, a critical piece of legislation in the face of rising drug overdoses and a crisis in the mental health of our population. That substance abuse and mental health disorders are not already required to be covered by insurance under a current law is another alarming indictment of our current for-profit healthcare system. Before this pandemic Rhode Island was leading the way in combatting the epidemic of opioid overdoses in the U.S. for is to once again get back on track, legislation like this will be crucial. I hope you will swiftly consider and vote this bill out of your committee.

Thank You,

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