

Dear Senator Goodman,

Thank you for taking time to meet with me and my colleague yesterday. I am happy to have met you and very pleased that you are already well informed about some of the public policy issues which arise around psychological services for Ohioans.

I appreciate your invitation to stay in touch with you as the budget process proceeds, especially around the question of funding for psychological services for Medicaid recipients. As we discussed, those services not only help alleviate human suffering, they also are a cost effective response to problems which, if unaddressed, cost more down the road. I appreciate your willingness to listen to my perspective as a psychologist.

Also, as you suggested, I will contact you when a mental health parity bill is introduced, so that we can discuss a specific set of provisions in a specific bill rather than a concept.

Again, thank you for taking time to meet with me and I look forward to talking again.

Sincerely,

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