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To: Members of the Senate
From: Phil Neuenfeldt, Secretary-Treasurer
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Re: **Support for Senate Bill 362**

Current mental health insurance coverage is based on long discarded medical views that believed there was no relationship between mind and body. Today we know that they are inseparable as the brain influences all sorts of physiological processes. It is widely acknowledged that good mental health can strengthen the body's immune system to provide greater resistance to physical ailments.

Mental and physical illness should be given parity in insurance coverage and SB 362 reflects that more enlightened view of health care. It represents a huge step forward in closing the gap in coverage and we urge your support.

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