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**To:** SHS Exhibits  
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Hello!

I am emailing to express support of Senate Bill 860 regarding Mental Health Parity. I want to emphasize that this bill will not just impact people on an individual level, but our entire community's wellness and safety. The parity law will further cement the availability of mental health services to those in need.

Currently, even people with seemingly 'good' insurance, such as an employer-sponsored Blue Cross Blue Shield program, cannot find a counselor who will serve them. This is because Blue Cross Blue Shield does not adequately pay for mental health services, on par with what they pay other professionals. Mental health providers in our county (Jackson) have been leaving this and other insurance panels, as their work is not being valued.

We currently have a shortage of mental health services in Jackson County. This will help ensure that the problem improves and does not continue to erode.

Thank you for your time.

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