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Mr. Joe Bruce
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Dear Mr. Bruce:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining SAMHSA's Role in Delivering Services to the Severely Mentally Ill."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Thursday, June 20, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at brittany.havens@mail.house.gov and mailed to Brittany Havens, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. You have said that the mental health system, as it is currently constituted, seems designed to handicap families in their efforts to obtain the best treatment and long-term health outcomes for their loved ones. In his book, *Out of the Shadows*, E. Fuller Torrey discusses the different ways of ensuring accountability for and measuring the performance of mental health services. He gives the example of the Riverside County Department of Mental Health in California that employs a full-time Family Advocate whose job is to solicit information from families about problems in the county mental health treatment system.
 - a. Could a Family Advocate, or someone like it, have been helpful to you while your son was committed at Riverview? Why or why not?