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Dear Dr. Lieberman:

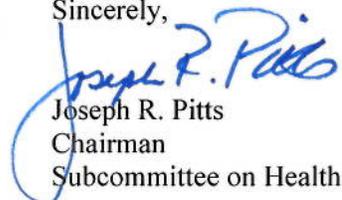
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on June 16, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act."

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 with a transmittal letter by the close of business on July 23, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Graham Pittman, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [graham.pittman@mail.house.gov](mailto:graham.pittman@mail.house.gov).

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

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Pitts  
Chairman  
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cc: The Honorable Gene Green, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

## Attachment — Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable Representative Murphy

In a response letter to the Committee dated April 28, 2015, SAMHSA informed us that it was working to improve the rigor of its National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices and bring it into closer alignment with other registries of evidence-based programming in the federal government.

1. Why is it so important that SAMHSA, and other agencies within the U.S. Public Health Service, concentrate their efforts and resources to treat serious mental illness on the use of evidence-based practices?

In the comments on H.R. 2646 contained in his prepared testimony, Mr. Coe argues that “there is a lack of research or evaluation on the long-term use of psychotropic medications.” Also, Mr. Coe suggests that since psychotropic medications do not appear on SAMHSA’s registry of evidence-based programs, they must not be evidence-based.

2. Based on your professional experience, would you agree or disagree with Mr. Coe’s contention that “there is a lack of research or evaluation on the long-term use of psychotropic medications”?
3. HIPAA seems to presume that patients are always competent to make informed decisions about whether or not to share information with their immediate family or caregivers. Isn’t this problematic in cases where the patient is unable to recognize- or in fact vigorously denies- that they are sick?