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Dr. Ovidio Bermudez
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Dear Dr. Bermudez:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on December 9, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining Legislation to Improve Health Care and Treatment."

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 January 26, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Graham Pittman, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to 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
Subcommittee on Health

cc: The Honorable Gene Green, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

Attachment -- Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Leonard Lance

1. Can you describe for the Committee what treatment looks like for a person experiencing a severe eating disorder?
2. What are some typical signs and symptoms that would likely trigger intervention?
3. What would be the consequences if that person would not be able to access that treatment?
4. What are the most common barriers to treatment? In your experience, do people with eating disorders have appropriate access to treatment through their health insurance, specifically as it relates to residential eating disorder services?