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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF COMMITTEE REDRAFT OF H.1871**

**OCTOBER 1, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING of H.1871: "An Act Relative to Mental Health Parity"**

**COMMITTEE REDRAFT OF H.1871 VOTED FAVORABLY OUT OF COMMITTEE AT THE  
DECEMBER 5, 2007 EXECUTIVE SESSION (H.4423 IS THE BILL NUMBER THAT THE  
HOUSE CLERK ASSIGNED FOR THE COMMITTEE REDRAFT OF H.1871 ON 12/13/07)**

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Once again, it was wonderful to see you at the Health Care Financing Briefing on Health Reform and the Individual Mandate last week. If you have any questions or if I can provide any further ongoing information and support, please don't hesitate to contact me any time.

Thank you ever so much,

With all my best wishes,  
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To be filed in:

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Reporting Member

Walrath

\*Favorable Report

Changes:

Fiscal Note: \$0

Unfavorable Report

olve accompanying said petition ought to pass.

Dissenters:

Patricia A. Walrath

For the Committee.

\*Committees: All favorable reports recommending changes shall be accompanied by printed copies of documents.