

The Honorable NAME  
Iowa State Senate  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, IA 50319

January 10, 2008

Dear Senator NAME,

My name is YOUR NAME and I live in YOUR CITY. I am writing to **invite you to a legislative breakfast being hosted by the Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 am in Dining Room 15.**

As you may know, the mental health of older adults is an extremely important issue for the state of Iowa. Access to mental health services by persons over the age of 65 remains the lowest among all population groups. Even when older adults with mental illnesses do obtain care, the treatments are not always effective. This results in a lower quality of life for these persons and their families, and a lot of money being misspent by state and private health insurance organizations

I myself am very concerned about these issues and have joined the Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging (ICMHA). The Coalition has been operating for three years now and I would like to share with you our efforts, this past year, to help improve the provision of mental health care to older Iowans.

Thank you for taking an interest in this important topic. We hope to see you Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

Enclosure