

# Mental Health Liaison Group

December 5, 2006

The Honorable Michael B. Enzi  
Chair  
Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee  
835 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Ranking Member  
Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee  
644 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Enzi and Kennedy:

The undersigned members of the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) strongly support the nomination of Terry L. Cline, Ph.D., of Oklahoma for Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The MHLG recognizes Dr. Cline's excellent service as the Oklahoma Secretary of Health and Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for nearly six years. He is credited with transforming Oklahoma's state mental health system by creating and expanding innovative and cost-effective programs that have led to recovery for many individuals with mental and substance use disorders. During his 20 years of service in the public behavioral healthcare system, Dr. Cline has demonstrated a firm commitment to advancing clinical care that leads to recovery. We are confident that Dr. Cline would be an outstanding SAMHSA Administrator.

We are pleased that President Bush has chosen to nominate Dr. Cline to fill this important position and hope the Committee will approve his nomination during the lame duck session.

Sincerely,

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Counseling Association  
American Group Psychotherapy Association  
American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association (AMBHA)  
American Mental Health Counselors Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association

American Psychotherapy Association  
Association for the Advancement of Psychology  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder  
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action  
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
Mental Health America  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders – ANAD  
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors  
National Association of Mental Health Planning & Advisory Councils  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Alcohol & Drug Abuse Directors  
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors  
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA  
Tourette Syndrome Association  
United Jewish Communities  
U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association

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