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Dear Carolyn,

**Re: Council Resolution – Equality for Mental Health Campaign**

I supported this motion as a councillor, and I support this motion as a Member of Parliament.

The campaign, backed by Members of Parliament from across the political spectrum, as well as professional and celebrities, is pushing for mental health to be treated as seriously as other illnesses. There is a large financial disparity between mental and physical health treatment, and the campaign is also calling for an increase in funding for mental health services.

Separately to the campaign, The Labour party is committed to mental health reform, including appointing the first shadow Minister for mental health Luciana Berger MP in October of last year. The Labour Party is also campaigning for more specialist mental health nurses as the number of qualified nurses working in psychiatry dropped by 10.8% from 41,320 in 2010 to 36,870 in 2015.

I will do everything in my power as a member of parliament to support the reform of mental health services in the UK.

Yours sincerely

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