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Professor Pedro Ruiz  
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Dear Professor Ruiz:

On behalf of my colleagues from the United States Congress we congratulate you and the World Psychiatric Association on your meeting at the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest, Romania April 10-13, 2013 on primary care, mental health and public health integration. We in Congress are grateful to you for convening this forum with representatives around the globe to focus on health care systems and how psychiatry and primary care can best integrate their efforts.

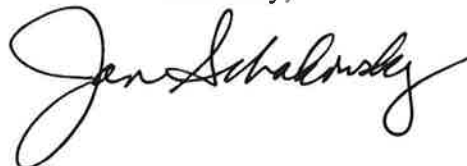
I want to personally reach out to the delegates of international psychiatry to say thank you for making life better for the millions of patients you are serving. The United States also has taken a giant step through the Accountable Care Act passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama. This law will expand health care to many more Americans through the expansion of Medicaid and the creation of health insurance exchanges starting in 2014.

Democracy and respect for human rights have been central components of core policy for the United States of America. Protecting the health of the people is a key component of democracy and helps create a more secure and peaceful world. The United States remains committed to protecting human rights and to promoting good health, including mental health, for people in all countries.

I would like to recognize and thank Professors Dinesh Bhugra and Eliot Sorel for their roles on the Scientific Program Committee and Drs. Kenneth Busch and Bruce Hershfield for organizing the workshop on health care policy in the United States Congress.

My best wishes to all of you. I look forward to being able to report to my colleagues about the results of your meeting and the exceptional work of the World Psychiatric Association.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky  
Member of Congress