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AFSCME Member:

This year I served on a task force that looked at the idea of closing one or more of Iowa's Mental Health Institutions. After hearing from hundreds of Iowans, and holding forums where thousands attended, this panel recommended to the Iowa Legislature that no facility be closed. These are facilities where AFSCME covered employees provide top-notch service and care to some of Iowa's most difficult to care for patients.

This next week the Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee will be deciding if they are going to include funding to keep all of the institutions open. Please take a moment to email the Senators on that committee and tell them that we need to follow the MHI Task Force's recommendations and keep all of Iowa's Mental Health Institutions open.

As always, remember to be polite and let us know what you have heard.

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