

Eagle Forum of Georgia

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URGENT ALERT!

Call Today! Urge your U.S. Congressman to vote NO on H.R. 1424.

H.R. 1424 Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.

H.R. 1424 would impose federal mandates on both private insurance companies and employers who offer mental health coverage as part of group health insurance plans. It would incorporate into federal statute the fourth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) as the basis for mental health coverage benefits in group health plans.

If passed, the following are among the many conditions employers would be required to cover in their mental health insurance plans:

- Nightmare disorder, caffeine-induced sleep disorder, caffeine intoxication, sibling relational problems, academic problems, substance-induced sexual dysfunction, jet lag, transvestic fetishism, and pedophilia.
- Result: employers may decide group health insurance is too expensive. Health insurance costs to employers would increase to approximately \$3 billion a year by 2012, causing greater numbers of uninsured Americans.
- Since H.R. 1424 contains no “conscience clause,” employers could not exclude coverage of disorders for which they have a religious or moral objection, e.g. pedophilia.

H.R. 1424 cannot be amended and two-thirds majority is necessary for passage. With its current 273 cosponsors, it might get the two-thirds support required.

Call Today! Georgia’s U.S. Representatives listed by district number:

1. Jack Kingston, 202 225-5831; **2.** Sanford Bishop, 202 225-3631; **3.** Lynn Westmoreland, 202 225-5901; **4.** Hank Johnson, 202 225-1605; **5.** John Lewis, 202 225-3801; **6.** Tom Price, 202 225-4501; **7.** John Linder, 202 225-4272; **8.** Jim Marshall, 202 225-6531; **9.** Nathan Deal, 202 225-5211; **10.** Paul Broun, 202 225-4101; **11.** Phil Gingrey, 202 225-2931; **12.** John Barrow, 202 225-2823; **13.** David Scott, 202 225-2939.