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The Honorable Daniel J. Evans  
Governor of Washington  
Olympia, Washington 98501

My dear Governor Evans:

A position statement of the Washington State Council on Alcoholism dated July 28 may have reached you. This is not a minor matter. As a major public health problem it affects the lives of over a half-million people of this state, counting families.

Although I had nothing to do with writing the statement, and have no involvement in the treatment of alcoholism, I feel it my duty to endorse it strongly. As a charter member of the Governor's Advisory Board on Alcoholism, I have known them to be an unusually well-informed and dedicated group of people. We strongly agreed with the transfer from Institutions to Health in 1959, and wrote you opposing the proposal to include Alcoholism under Mental Health a year or so ago.

My interests in the field are purely academic. As an educator for 23 years on alcoholism, I find the position statement accurate, logical, and objective. We have an excellent alcoholism program in this state which is being threatened with ruin if forced to operate under psychiatrists and psychologists (of which I am the latter).

Sincerely yours,

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