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Dear Madam,

There are two reasons for this correspondence.

Firstly, I wish to thank you for the accurate and ultimately successful representation of my arguments before the "Mental Health Review Board" many, many years ago with the pleasing result that I was spared any further legal penalty.

Secondly, I want to try and inspire more tolerance of the distress of the mentally ill by those in society who currently feel it to be intolerable. My hope is that the provision of a summary of my analysis of the "Mental Health Act", from the viewpoint of someone who has had firsthand experience of it, will achieve this goal. I want to emphasize the injustice, felt by those labeled mentally ill, which has resulted from the treatment, previously considered as compulsory, by those who feel they have no alternative but to bend all those who they disagree with.

I find two glaring flaws in the "Mental Health Act" as described below :-

- 1/ The issue is "Are you able to consent?" so please do not simply consider the criterion "are you able to consent?"
- 2/ The criterion "do you appear to be mentally ill?" is being used to punish the individual as how they appear is your problem. You should develop more tolerance for the distress of the mentally ill.

Yours sincerely,

David Crofts.

P.S. There does not exist an ideal mental health act as we must all simply admit we are at the mercy of the medical profession. However, I have provided a tongue in cheek version for your amusement.

THE CERTIFICATION SCENARIO

Certifier to Victim :- Do you want to abide by legislation?

Victim to Certifier :- Yes.

Certifier to Victim :- I don't believe you.
You're certified.

Certifier to Victim :- Do you want to abide by legislation?

Victim to Certifier :- No.

Certifier to Victim :- I believe you are stupid.
You're certified.

Certifier to Victim :- Do you want to abide by legislation?

Victim to Certifier :- Yes.

Certifier to Victim :- I believe you are sane.

Certifier to Legislator :- Do you want to abide by legislation?

Legislator to Certifier :- No.

(That's why I'm the legislator.)

Certifier to Legislator :- I believe you are the legislator, BUT
I believe you are stupider.
You're certified.

Certifier to Legislator :- Do you want to abide by legislation?

Legislator to Certifier :- Yes.

(That's why I'm NOT the legislator.)

((HE IS AS CLEVER OR CLEVERER.))

Certifier to Legislator :- I believe you are the legislator, BUT
I believe you are stupid.
You're certified.

Certifier to Legislator :- Do you want to abide by legislation?

Legislator to Certifier :- No.

(That's why I'm the LEGISLATOR.)

Certifier to Legislator :- I believe you are the LEGISLATOR,
(and very clever.)
You're UN certified.