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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable David Walker
Comptroller General
Government Accountability Office
441 G St., NW
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Comptroller Walker,

I write to request the Government Accountability Office conduct a study analyzing the impact of Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) on our nation's economy and government actions to address this debilitating disorder.

BPD is a devastating psychiatric disorder that causes an individual to lack the ability to manage their emotions effectively. Persons with BPD are plagued with symptoms including, but not limited to, impulsivity, mood lability, rage, and suicide.

Even though BPD affects 3 million Americans, research based therapies for BPD are not widely available and no Food and Drug Administration approved medication specifically designed to treat BPD exist. I formally request the GAO to study the federal government's actions in confronting this disorder, what steps the National Institute of Health and other government agencies could take in addressing this disorder, and if there are negative economic costs associated with our current government policies relating to BPD.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tom Davis
Member of Congress