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the taxpayers who finance that, we wouldn't have these large institutions where people have to drive hours to see family members...we would have...and for the people to be separated from their families and the community that they will return to. And while we know that there are some very severe and acute forms of mental illness that need acute care hospitalization, not all of these situations make...would need to be handled in that way. And, as Senator Jensen said, the national trend is to bring more of the people to their own communities using psychotropic drugs, monitoring, assistance, things that not only cost the taxpayers less, they're better for the person and better for their families. I come from the metropolitan Omaha area. To drive to Norfolk is a long drive for families to go back and forth when a loved one is in that facility, and it would make sense to me, not only for Omaha but for a lot of communities around the state, to be able to have centers where people could be treated and they could be closer to their communities. And I don't think we should go into this thinking we have to sustain these three large regional centers. I think we need the bill written the way it is so that we go in with a mind-set and a framework that says we're going to start and take a look at things and see how they could change and not rely on the expensive acute care mental health hospitals as the focal point of our mental health system. We need to get away from that concept. And because this is an attempt to get us to a new point, to get us to a new point in the way we think and treat mental illness in the state, I don't support the Tyson amendment. I understand why he has to bring that forward, but I think we should go with the original concept in the bill and take a look at what works best, what works best in terms of medical...the medical outcomes, which works best in terms of the individual with illness, and also what works best for all of our communities and for the people who are family members of the people with mental illness. And I think to do that we can't automatically start with thinking we're going to keep the three large acute care mental health hospitals. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Tyson, on your amendment.