

# MindFreedom

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Honorable Ron Wyden  
516 Hart Senate Office Build.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ron,

Pfizer, Inc. advertisements on television and the web tell Americans that, "Zoloft is a medicine that helps correct the chemical imbalance of serotonin in the brain." As you can see from the enclosed correspondence, we have established that Pfizer, Inc. apparently has zero citations to peer-reviewed scientific articles to back up this outrageous fraudulent claim, that is misleading millions of Americans.

As a result, many American families now falsely believe there is a proven, established "chemical imbalance" that SSRI psychiatric drugs help correct. We have written to the FDA, FCC and FTC but they have not even acknowledged our complaints. Many of our members choose to take prescribed psychiatric drugs. Many of our members do not. We are united around the value that there should be truth in the mental health system.

Please mail inquiries to the FDA, FCC and FTC about the advertised statement by Pfizer, Inc. that "Zoloft is a medicine that helps correct the chemical imbalance of serotonin in the brain." Please demand that these agencies produce even **one** citation to a peer-reviewed scientific article to back up this falsehood, **or else remove the ad.**

While the above urgent action does not require our meeting, we would like to meet to discuss other concerns about the mental health system. For example, we need your advice about how to win a congressional investigation and hearing regarding the undue influence and corruption by the psychiatric drug industry inside federal agencies.

Your interest in and support for freedom, human rights and equality inside the mental health system are deeply appreciated. I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience about both the inquiry with the agencies, and setting up a meeting.

Sincerely,

David Oaks, Director

*A non-profit uniting 100 grassroots groups to win human rights in mental health.*

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