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# STATEMENT

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As a person living with schizophrenia during the past 37 years, I am very pleased that such a knowledgeable and respected group of outside authorities has produced this careful examination of NIMH research priorities and activities.

Of course, I am most thankful of the progress we have made toward understanding and treating psychotic conditions during my lifetime. But I also realize and appreciate the importance of a report like this which highlights many of the scientific and bureaucratic barriers that continue to be encountered as we struggle to emerge from the recent "dark ages" of psychiatric treatment.

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