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Representative or Senator

Address

Harrisburg, PA 17120-3012

Dear Representative or Senator,

I am contacting you about an issue that is very important to me; funding for epilepsy support services. As you deliberate the many important issues related to our state budget, please be sure to consider the one in every 26 people in our country living with seizures and understand the negative impact that elimination of epilepsy services funding in Pennsylvania could have on our communities. Epilepsy is as common as breast cancer, and takes as many lives each year. By the age of 75; up to 3% of the population will develop epilepsy and literally thousands of our US troops who have experienced head injury and repeated exposure to concussion blasts will develop post-traumatic epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundations in Pennsylvania are the only organizations in our state solely dedicated to addressing the needs of those who live with epilepsy or seizure disorders. **The Epilepsy Foundations in Pennsylvania are asking that state funding for epilepsy services be reinstated by appropriating $550,000 in state funding within the PA Department of Health line item for epilepsy support services.**

I urge you to consider the 210,000 individuals living with epilepsy in Pennsylvania who call upon the Epilepsy Foundations as they cope with the overwhelming effects of seizures. Parents who don’t know where to turn for answers about diagnosis, treatment and struggles with school, adults who need help finding health insurance or working out accommodations on the job, spouses who worry about medication side effects, and teachers who need to know more about how to help children learn all contact us for guidance, support, and services.

I want to express our most sincere gratitude for your efforts to improve life for Pennsylvanians who live with seizures. Your individual leadership and assistance on this funding issue is critical and I am asking that you express your support for this funding request. With your on-going help, the Epilepsy Foundations in Pennsylvania can continue the essential work of educating patients, caregivers and the community on the issues surrounding epilepsy.

Respectfully,

YOUR NAME HERE