

The Honorable _____,
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City, PA Zip

Dear Pro Tempore, Speaker, Leader etc.,

As we begin discussions surrounding the Commonwealth's 2024-25 Fiscal Year Budget, I would respectfully request \$1 million in the Epilepsy Support Services line item.

As you may know, 1 in 26 Pennsylvanians live with epilepsy. There are currently 3.4 million people in the United States living with epilepsy and in 60% of those cases, there is no known cause.

Epilepsy affects more people than Parkinson's disease, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and muscular dystrophy combined. Epilepsy can affect anyone, at any age, at any time.

In addition, I respectfully request the inclusion of language within the Fiscal Code to ensure that funding for Epilepsy Support Services is allocated equitably.

Currently, eastern Pennsylvania's epilepsy services provider, the Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania (EFEPA) serves a territory of almost 7 million Pennsylvanians, or 57% of Pennsylvania's total population. However, the EFEPA receives only 38% of the allocated funding.

Specifically, I am requesting the following language to be included in the Fiscal Code:

Epilepsy Support Services

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount allocated for Epilepsy Support Services, shall be allocated on the basis of population of the counties served beginning July 1, 2024.

Thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. You may also reach out to the EFEPA's Senior Director of Programs and Advocacy, Rena Loughlin, at 215-779-8828 and/or rloughlin@efepa.org.

Sincerely,