

Dear XX,

My name is XX and I live in XX County. *Talk about how you are affected by epilepsy.* I am also an advocate for the [Epilepsy Foundation Eastern PA](#) a local non-profit that supports those affected by epilepsy in the 18 eastern counties of PA.

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. There are more people living with epilepsy than with autism spectrum disorders, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy, combined. Epilepsy can affect anyone, at any age, at any time.

I am urging you to support the request for an increase in the Epilepsy Support Service funding in the PA budget to be \$750,000 total and for a change in the fiscal code to allocate funding to be based on population in counties served. The Epilepsy Foundation Eastern PA serves 57% of Pennsylvania's population and should receive 57% of the Epilepsy Support Services funding.

I am hoping you will send a letter of support to your respective leaders and Appropriations Committee members to advocate for the items mentioned above. The draft support letter attached can be used as a model or template for your letter.

I have also attached a handout explaining our requests. If you have any questions you may contact Rena Loughlin, Vice President of Programs & Advocacy, at the Epilepsy Foundation Eastern PA at rloughlin@efepa.org or 215-779-8828.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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