

Hi, [Staffer First Name] –

My name is [], and I'm a constituent of your [district / state (depending on whether you're sending this to a Representative or Senator)]. [OPTIONAL: Mention any additional information about your constituency (e.g., I've lived in the district for five years after moving from Texas when I was 25-years-old).]

I am writing, on behalf of The Bee Foundation for Brain Aneurysm Prevention (TBF), to urge [Representative / Senator Last Name] to sign on to *Ellie's Law* (H.R. 2678 / S. 1609). TBF is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to reducing the number of deaths caused by brain aneurysms through innovative research. As a [state your connection to the cause (e.g., brain aneurysm survivor)], I know first-hand the devastation brain aneurysms cause and the importance of timely and accurate diagnoses.

[OPTIONAL: Provide additional background on your connection to brain aneurysms and TBF.]

***Ellie's Law* is bipartisan, bicameral legislation that would authorize an additional \$20 million annually over five years to support comprehensive research on unruptured brain aneurysms at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).** The bill honors five women who died from a ruptured brain aneurysm, including TBF co-founders Erin Kreszl and Christine Kondra's cousin, who passed away on Christmas Day at 27-years-old. The bill is championed by Reps. Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) in the House and Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) in the Senate.

Nearly 6.8 million Americans, or **1 in 50** people, have an unruptured brain aneurysm, and the annual estimated cost of brain aneurysms to the U.S. hospital system is **\$2.7 billion**. However, despite brain aneurysms' widespread prevalence and high societal cost, the federal government only spends **\$2.94** per year on brain aneurysm research for each person afflicted. Additional federal investments are needed imminently to prevent more ruptures and improve interventions. Your support of this legislation will bring us one step closer to ensuring more patients and families do not have to unnecessarily endure the consequences of this life-threatening condition.

For additional information, please reach out to Erin Kreszl (erin@thebeefoundation.org) or Christine Kondra (christine@thebeefoundation.org). If helpful, I am also happy to meet virtually to share my story and connection to TBF in more detail.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to support the brain aneurysm community. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,

[Your Full Name]

Full Name