SPECIFIC ITEM:

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(Describe a program you attend or a service you get and tell a little bit about how it works for you.   If you are writing from an area where programs have wait lists, or from are area where there are no services available, then talk a little about how those services could make a difference in your life. Is you support a specific request, tell them why. The list can be found here.)

Thank you for taking a moment to listen to my concerns. I hope you will take my points into consideration as you work in the coming session at the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

TOTAL ASK

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This year, we are asking for $6.3 million to improve access to care and treatment. We need in-state care for people with significant behavioral challenges. We need specialized community based case management and supported living services. We need a capable workforce who is adequately trained and paid for their work, and programs in underserved areas of Virginia.

Thank you for taking a moment to consider my comments. If you have any questions or would like more information about the points I have raised, feel free to contact the Brain Injury Association of Virginia at info@biav.net.

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