

Dear Senator/Delegate (Last Name):

I am writing to you because I am convinced it is time for the General Assembly to address the shortage of services for individuals with brain injury.

Nearly 302,000 Virginians are disabled as a result of brain injury; current levels of state supported funding to provide community based brain injury services is \$6.75 million or \$6 per person.

The reason I care about this is because... (This is where you tell your story...tell them why you care. Describe a program you attend or a service you get and tell a little bit about how it helps you. If you are writing from an area where programs have wait lists, or from an area where there are no services available, then tell them how services could make a difference in your life).

This year, we are asking for \$570,000 to expand specialized community based brain injury case management services into unserved areas and \$860,000 to create "Housing Specialist" positions at each state funded community based BI program.

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](mailto:info@biav.net).

Sincerely,