Case Management #3 – Email

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 300,000 Virginians are disabled as a result of brain injury; current levels of state supported funding to provide community based brain injury services is $6.7 million or $6.02 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 how it helps you. If you are writing from an area where programs have wait lists, or where there are no services available, explain how those 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. Adult brain injury case management services are currently available in 82% of cities and counties (115/139); pediatric brain injury case managers are available in 42% cities and counties (59/139). A program providing pediatric case management services in the Shenandoah Valley has ended due to a loss of grant funding. The program was grounded in best practices, effective and in demand, and has been a big loss to the 40 families who depended on that service to ensure their children received the appropriate supports and services in school and in the community.

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.

Sincerely,

Your Name