Dear Senator/Delegate (Last Name),

I am a constituent and writing to you because it is time for the General Assembly to address the workforce issues for community-based brain injury providers. Nearly 300,000 Virginians are disabled as a result of brain injury and community-based providers are struggling to hire and keep staff in these important positions.

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:

* $675,000 for an increase to brain injury funding to address on-going workforce retention issues experienced by providers.
* Inclusion of full-time employees of DARS’ state-funded Brain Injury Services program contractors in Cost-of-Living increases awarded by the state.

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