My name is\_\_\_\_. As your constituent, I am writing to ask for your support in reauthorizing the Traumatic Brain Injury Act (TBI Act), which was first signed into law in 1996 and provides grants to states to increase access to services and funding for brain injury surveillance.

The brain injury community in the United States is large, with an estimated 3 million Americans sustaining a traumatic brain injury (TBI) each year. More than 5 million Americans are living with a permanent brain injury-related disability; that’s one in 60 people. The TBI Act provides essential support to those individuals who live with the lifelong effects of brain injury.

I personally care about the TBI Act because  ***… (This is where you tell your story and why you care. You can 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).***

The TBI Act is up for reauthorization this year, and I am asking for your support to ensure this bill is not only reauthorized but that we improve the existing law to better serve persons with brain injury and those who care for them.

Additionally, I am also asking you to please consider joining the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, a bipartisan group working on issues of concern to more than 5 million Americans who have been impacted by brain injury, like me. Established in 2001, the Task Force works to increase awareness of brain injury in the United States, supports research for rehabilitation and potential cures, and works to address the effects such injuries have on families, children, education, and the workforce. Please contact Kwamme Anderson (kwamme.anderson@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Pascrell's office to cosponsor the TBI Act and sign on as a member of the TBI Task Force.

Please feel free to contact Anne McDonnell, Advocacy and Affiliate Specialist with the Brain Injury Association of America (amcdonnell@biausa.org) with your questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,