Date:
Name of Congressman or Senator (write to both separately & edit this letter personally):
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Washington, D.C. Zip:

Re: **Ally’s Act, H.R. 2439 / S. 1135**

My name is and I am a Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing or audiologist who works within the D/HH community. I am writing you today asking for your support in co-sponsoring a bill that would help hundreds of thousands of children and adults of all ages be able to obtain specialized hearing devices through private insurance coverage. **This bill is H.R. 2439/S. 1135 is also known as Ally's Act**. This legislation would help ensure that private insurance companies cover specific osseointegrated hearing devices (OIDs), including bone anchored hearing aids and cochlear implants. These hearing devices are medically necessary and yet are consistently denied coverage by private insurance companies, despite the critical and life-changing support these devices provide.

As a Teacher of the Deaf or audiologist, this bill is important to me because I watch children and younger adults with hearing loss struggle in the school setting, every day. Ally’s Act would not only help ensure better hearing device coverage so these individuals could obtain the hearing devices they need to hear better in the school classroom, but this bill would also help cut school costs in regard to hearing device accessories and services. As a Teacher of the D/HH or audiologist, it is important that students hear their best and be given the opportunity to thrive in the classroom alongside their hearing peers. Many children are born without ears and have no ear canals who have hearing loss. Many students do not have a functioning Cochlea or auditory nerve resulting in hearing loss. Only these mentioned hearing devices can help restore hearing for these children and adults with these types of hearing loss, so they can live safely, enabling them to engage within their communities and have successful fulfilling lives throughout their lives.

In 2019, a 9 year old little girl named Ally, wrote to Congress asking for help on this critical issue. Ally is now 13 years old. Please help support Ally’s Act and the hundreds of thousands of US citizens just like her so they can afford these hearing devices and thrive in the environments they live in.

The extension of coverage for OIDs, and the accompaniments, medical visits and surgeries that allow our loved ones to function, would benefit a large variety of our communities affected by hearing loss. **That is why Congressman Neguse (CO-02), alongside the cochairs of the House Hearing Health Caucus Congressmen Brian Fitzpatrick) and Mike Thompson (CA-5), introduced the bipartisan “Ally’s Act” to ensure private insurance providers cover these critical and life-altering devices. Ally’s Act is also Led in the Senate by Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.VA) and Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).**

Thank you so much for your time. Please help us by co-sponsoring **Ally’s Act, H.R. 2439 /S. 1135.**

Sincerely,

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