Date:
Name of Representative: (write to both your Senator and Congressman)
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Washington, D.C. Zip:

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

My name is Dr. and I am a medical professional who serves children and adults who depend on bone anchored hearing systems and cochlear implants. I am writing to 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 these implantable hearing devices through private insurance coverage. **H.R. 2439/ S. 1135, also known as Ally's Act,** would help hundreds of thousands of children and adults live the lives they wish. 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 medical professional, this bill is important to me because of the children and adults I serve through reconstructive and hearing restoration surgeries. Many of my patients struggle with hearing loss and being safe in their work and social environments 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, but this bill would also help them thrive in the communities they live in. Aiding individuals as soon as possible also helps prevent early onset dementia as well. While many of these children and adults are born with congenital hearing loss, many more lose their hearing overnight due to specific causes of induced hearing loss including sensorineural hearing loss or due to head trauma. Only these mentioned hearing devices can help restore hearing for these individuals with these types of hearing loss, so they can live safely, enabling them to engage within their communities and have successful fulfilling 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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