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Name of Senator:
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Washington, DC Zip:

Re: **Ally's Act** **S. 1135**

Dear Senator X,

I am writing to encourage you to co-sponsor **Ally's Act, S. 1135**, which is a bipartisan, bicameral national level bill Led by Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.VA) and co-led by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MASS). This bill is Sponsored by Congressmen Joe Neguse (D-CO) and co-Sponsored by Congressmen Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Mike Thompson (D-CA). This legislation would help ensure that private insurance companies cover bone anchored hearing systems and cochlear implant systems for children and adults birth to age 64, including the costs and services associated with these hearing devices. 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.

Ally’s Act would help hundreds of thousands of children and adults gain access to life-changing treatment, allowing them to live the lives they dream, participate in the workplace and community, and enjoy a high quality of life. When specific hearing is lost, these specialized hearing devices are often the only devices that can give people their lives back in addition to living safer and more confident lives.

These specialized hearing devices require implantation. These are not traditional air conduction hearing aids that millions of individuals require with hearing loss. These hearing devices cost tens of thousands of dollars, rather than hundreds of dollars of more generic solutions that work for most people. These types of hearing devices are not available over the counter as they need to be programmed, fitted and activated by a medical professional. There is even a cost savings component that would save school districts and taxpayers over $110,000.00 per every child (from 1st grade through 12th) if those who needed implantable hearing devices were aided.

Ally’s Act would ensure that private insurance companies are not denying coverage of these medical necessary devices, providing consistent coverage. When an insurance provider denies coverage for a child or adult to obtain one of these hearing devices, the opportunity for communication and to pursue certain careers is taken away. It would cost private insurers .02 cents per person/per month to cover the services under Ally’s Act!

The cost is low, the benefit is high with profound positive impacts for those who would be covered by this Act. I hope you will give it your attention to support and co-sponsor **Ally’s Act, S. 1135**.

Sincerely,

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