

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

**Support Funding for over 5.3 million  
Americans  
Living with a Traumatic Brain Injury**

Dear Colleague:


Today over 5.3 million Americans live with a disability caused by a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The TBI Act, which was originally passed in 1996 and reauthorized in 2000, is the only federal law which specifically addresses the needs of a person affected by a Traumatic Brain Injury.


Last session, the TBI Act was appropriated \$14.2 million. These funds were allocated to the Center for Disease Control and the National Institute of Health for research and education, and HRSA also funds state grant programs which aid states in providing a variety of services to populations living with a TBI within their state. Unfortunately, the Administration's fiscal year 2008 budget proposal does not request any funding for the TBI Act.

Please join us in sending a letter to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, requesting \$30 million for the programs authorized by the TBI Act. Without this funding, some states will be forced to put an end to programs aimed at helping those with a Traumatic Brain Injury. In addition, the CDC and NIH must be able to continue and expand the research which has already begun in this area.

To add your name to this letter, please contact Charla Penn McManus in Congressman Pascrell's office (5-5751) or Becky Braunstein in Congressman Platts' office (5-5836) with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Member of Congress

  
Todd Russell Platts  
Member of Congress