

Dear Senator/Representative:

I am writing to thank you for your support of our resolution declaring November as “National Epilepsy Awareness Month.” S. Con. Res. 48 passed the Senate by unanimous consent June 12 and was recently brought to the House floor for a vote November 19 where it, once again, passed by unanimous consent.

Approximately 2.5 million Americans are currently living with epilepsy; however, the number of people indirectly affected by epilepsy, including family members, teachers, care-givers and employers is exponentially larger. About one third of the 181,000 new cases of epilepsy begin in childhood. Approximately 550,000 elderly are living with the condition. There is currently no cure for epilepsy, and as many as 44 percent of people with epilepsy continue to have seizures despite treatment.

Introduced by Sen. Blanche Lincoln and Rep. Corrine Brown, this resolution will greatly assist the Epilepsy Foundation’s efforts to raise awareness about the condition. It also recognizes the need to educate school personnel, teachers, care providers, police, and others on how to recognize and respond appropriately to seizures.

Again, thank you for supporting an issue that is extremely important to millions of Americans. I look forward to working with you in the future in order to keep making a difference in the lives of people living with epilepsy.

Sincerely,