Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_,

As your constituent, I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor S. 1064, the National Plan to End Parkinson’s Act. This landmark bill is the first of its kind to address Parkinson’s disease on a large scale. Equally crucial, it also covers Lewy Body dementia (LBD) and the “atypical Parkinsonian” diseases: progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), corticobasal degeneration (CBD), and multiple system atrophy (MSA).

S. 1064 is bipartisan and no-cost legislation that would create an advisory council to coordinate federal efforts to:

* prevent and cure Parkinson’s and the atypical Parkinsonian diseases,
* alleviate financial and health burdens on American families,
* ensure those living with the diseases have access to the care they need, and
* report annually to Congress on the progress made to end the diseases.

As a constituent that is personally impacted by an atypical Parkinsonian diagnosis, the passage of this legislation is of utmost importance to me.

It is critical to highlight the inclusion of the atypical Parkinsonian diseases in this bill. Unlike Parkinson’s disease, they progress quickly, medications have limited efficacy, and they have an average life expectancy of 7-8 years. The road to a correct clinical diagnosis is long due to unfamiliarity among healthcare professionals, and confirmation of the diagnosis is only possible post-mortem. They have complex and high care needs, yet because they are rare, they have substantially less research and awareness within the medical community. [Brief, 1-2 sentences on my relationship with X diagnosis and how it has impacted me personally]

S. 1064 is a step to change that reality and the national discussion about Parkinson’s and the related diseases. It takes a bold and holistic approach to improving quality of care and life for people with Parkinson’s, LBD, PSP, CBD, and MSA and working towards a world without these diseases. By supporting this bill, you are offering hope to your constituents and to the many thousands of patients, families, medical professionals, and researchers across the country.

To co-sponsor the National Plan to End Parkinson’s Act, please contact:

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Should you require any additional information about this request, please reach out to me at \_\_\_\_\_. To learn more about PSP, CBD and MSA, please visit www.curepsp.org

Thank you for your cosponsoring S. 1064 and for your support of the Parkinsonism community!

Sincerely,

Name

City, State