EMAIL TITLE: Support the Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act

Dear [STAFF NAME],

As a member of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society and your constituent, I am writing to ask for Senator [LAST NAME] to co-sponsor and support the passage of the Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act of 2021 (S.3018) a bipartisan bill that seeks to reform prior authorization for Medicare Advantage plans.

People with chronic illnesses such as epilepsy often experience prior authorization issues when accessing care. Health insurance plans require providers to obtain pre-approval for certain medical treatments or tests before they can provide care to their patients. Prior authorization can play a role in ensuring beneficiaries receive clinically appropriate treatments and help control the cost of care.

However, when misused, prior authorization can lead to delays in care for patients and result in administrative burdens for providers, taking time away from patient care and potentially leading to a delay of needed medical intervention.

The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act aims to improve the current prior authorization system for Medicare Advantage plans by requiring the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish an electronic prior authorization (ePA) program, requiring Medicare Advantage plans to adopt ePA capabilities, and meet other standards set by CMS on the quality and timeliness of prior authorization determinations.

Please support the passage of the Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act and bring much needed changes to the prior authorization program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]