

Dear [Representative/Senator last name],

Hope this finds you well. As one of your constituents, I am reaching out to express my support of “Ellie’s Law” and urge you to cosponsor this bill that would increase federal funding for brain aneurysm research. In addition, it is equally important to establish September as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month to give the impacted community a time to come together.

This legislation is important to me because [describe your personal connection].

Brain aneurysms are one of the most underfunded disease research projects in the U.S. in terms of the number of Americans affected and the tremendous loss of life, diminution of quality of life for survivors, and the long-term medical costs for families affected. Ellie’s Law is a bipartisan bill introduced by Reps. Yvette Clarke (D-NY) and Peter King (R-NY) ([H.R. 594](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/594?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22ellie%27s+law%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1)) on the House side. On the Senate side, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) ([S.864](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/864?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22s.864%22%5D%7D&s=2&r=1)) are the lead sponsors. The legislation was drafted in consultation with members of the brain aneurysm medical and research communities. Ellie’s Law would provide the first ongoing dedicated research funding stream for breakthroughs in preventing potentially fatal brain aneurysms from rupturing and improving the long-term medical consequences and quality of life issues for aneurysm survivors. Now is the time to address this critical issue by adequately funding brain aneurysm research. *This legislation will save lives, and I urge your support of Ellie’s Law and increased federal funding for brain aneurysm research.*

For more information or to sign on as a cosponsor of H.R. 594/S. 864, please contact:

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To support H. Res. 251, Awareness Month Resolution, please contact:
Contact: Ryan, Kevin Kevin.Ryan@mail.house.gov – (Rep. Lynch)

Attached are letters of support for Ellie’s Law from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, as well as further background information about Ellie’s Law. Additional endorsements are listed below.

Please reach out if you have any questions or if I can be helpful.

Thank you,

[name and contact information]

[](https://bafound.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Ellies-Law-Supporting-doc.pdf)

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**Ellie’s Law Endorsements:**

* **American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons**
* **Brain Aneurysm Foundation**
* **The Bee Foundation**
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