Dear Senator/Representative

Currently there are over 7,000 known Rare Diseases but less than 10% have an FDA approved treatment or cure. At this rate, it will take over 2,000 years to find a treatment for each Rare Disease. Despite their differences, many Rare Diseases share commonalities that make collaboration and sharing of research essential.

(Insert personal story on why this is important to you)

For these reasons, I’m asking Senator/Representative (insert name) to support two measures that will help speed up the development of treatments and promote collaboration within the FDA, CDC, and NIH. One is called the Speeding Therapy Access Today (STAT) Act. This piece of legislation would create a Rare Disease Center for Excellence at the FDA, a model already successfully used by cancer researchers. The result would be more collaboration, increased stakeholder engagement, and improved policy development. The second measure is appropriations that would further incentivize Orphan Drug development, improve and shorten diagnostic time, and fund Rare Disease research.

Lives are at stake with so few treatments available for Rare Diseases. We need everyone's help in this fight including policy makers like Senator/Representative (insert name). I urge Senator/Representative (insert name) to support the measures and in turn save the lives of those affected by Rare Disease.

I have attached more information about the STAT Act and the Appropriations requests. Feel free to reach out if you have questions or would like to discuss these requests further.

Thank you.

Sincerely,