



Dear Advocates,

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The Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine is working on the passage of the attached bill, HB 585: 'An Act to Protect Patients from Breakthrough Seizures'. Representative William Brownsberger of Belmont, Massachusetts sponsored and submitted this bill. We are scheduled to testify at the Massachusetts State House before the Joint Committee on Public Health.

Also attached is a version of a letter for you to edit and send to your State House Representative. This letter discusses medical issues affecting medication changes at the pharmacy. You can insert details about breakthrough seizure instances that you experienced and how it impacted daily activity.

We are scheduled to testify before the Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Health on October 4, 2011. Following is the internet address for <http://www.malegislature.gov/Committees/Joint/J16> . You can review that list to determine your constituency status for any committee member and make that specific reference in your letter.

Thank you for sending this letter to your current Representative within the next two weeks. Please contact your Representative's office about the staff assigned to health issues and send your final letter by email addressed to your Representative and assigned health care staff.

I appreciate your interest in advocating for epilepsy issues and look forward to an update about your activities.

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