Dear \_\_\_,

As a consumer of recreational therapy services who lives in your district, I urge you to join Representatives Joe Courtney (D-CT) and Glenn Thompson (R-PA) in supporting the recently introduced *Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Act of 2023 (H.R. 6110).*

This important bipartisan legislation will help to ensure that patients at an inpatient rehabilitation hospital or unit (IRF) have the rehabilitative services to meet their needs by returning authority to the physician and rehabilitation team to determine the right mix of therapy modalities, including recreational therapy for a patient. Adding flexibilities for the physician and rehabilitation team to determine what best suits the individual allows for more patient-centered care.

As someone who has received services from a recreational therapist, I have firsthand knowledge of the transformative power of this therapy. My recreational therapist provided me with the opportunity to gain functional skills that allowed me to regain my independence, seek re-engagement in life activities, and become an active and involved member of our community. Recreational therapy is critical to helping individuals like myself live an independent and full life and should be an allowed service to help meet a patient’s needs.

Numerous organizations are supporting this bill including the *American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Spinal Injury Association, Brain Injury Association of America,* and *United Spinal Association.* The full list of supporting organizations can be found at the [bill’s press release](https://thompson.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/thompson-courtney-introduce-legislation-improve-rehab-therapy-medicare).

On behalf of your constituents who require rehabilitative services, and the recreational therapy providers who serve them, **I request that you cosponsor this important bill**.

Sincerely,