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SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
United States Senate
c/o Jacquelyn Incerto
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
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517 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate
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The Honorable Andy Kim
United States Senate
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520 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

RE: Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation Support for S. 2898, the Dennis Benigno Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2025

Dear Senators Mullin, Kim, Cornyn, Padilla, and Cortez Masto:

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation (“CPR”), we write to express our strong support for **S. 2898, the *Dennis Benigno Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2025***. This important, bipartisan legislation represents a timely and critical opportunity to reauthorize and strengthen the federal programs that support individuals and families affected by traumatic brain injury (“TBI”). CPR commends you for your leadership in sponsoring this legislation, which will ensure access to the continuum of rehabilitative care and community-based services that brain injury survivors and their families need to recover, improve function, and achieve as much independence and the highest quality of life possible.

CPR is a coalition of more than 50 national consumer, clinician, and membership organizations that advocate for policies to ensure access to rehabilitative care so that individuals with injuries, illnesses, disabilities, and chronic conditions may regain and/or maintain the maximum level of health and independent function. CPR is comprised of organizations that represent patients—as well as the providers who serve them.

The **Dennis Benigno Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2025** includes essential provisions that sustain the national infrastructure for supporting the brain injury community. In a broad sense, the reauthorization of the TBI program under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Administration of Community Living (“ACL”), together with the state-grant and protection and advocacy investments, are the core tenets for ensuring that individuals living with brain injury have access to the resources and care they need. More specifically, CPR strongly supports the language in this bill, which would:

- Ensure continuation of national surveillance and registry efforts to collect reliable data on TBI, enabling better prevention and intervention;
- Reauthorize the state grant programs and protection & advocacy (“P&A”) service programs under ACL that promote community reintegration, employment, housing supports, and access to rehabilitation services for individuals with TBI;
- Strengthen federal coordination across agencies to ensure that brain injury survivors receive holistic care and long-term supports; and
- Signal national commitment to recognizing that TBI is not just an acute event, but often a lifelong condition requiring sustained rehabilitation therapy and support.

S. 2898 includes comprehensive and common-sense provisions that are vital to the brain injury community. These provisions are necessary because too often individuals with TBI, or any form of brain injury, face fragmented services, unclear pathways back to full participation, and under-investment in post-acute and community-based care. Federal leadership through the programs covered under this bill helps align state and community efforts, supports best practices in rehabilitation, and improves long-term outcomes for survivors and their families.

CPR applauds you for your bipartisan leadership in championing this legislation and for your commitment to improving the lives of individuals with brain injury. We urge the Senate to act swiftly to reauthorize the TBI programs included in this bill to avoid any disruption in funding or services to the brain injury community. CPR and our member organizations stand ready to work with you and your staff to garner the support needed to ensure that S. 2898 is swiftly enacted.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to individuals and families affected by brain injury. Should you have any further questions regarding this information, please contact Peter Thomas or Michael Barnett, coordinators of the CPR, by e-mailing Peter.Thomas@PowersLaw.com or Michael.Barnett@PowersLaw.com, or by calling 202-466-6550.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Members of the Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation

ACCSES
ALS Association
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
American Association on Health and Disability
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine
American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
American Music Therapy Association

American Occupational Therapy Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
American Spinal Injury Association
American Therapeutic Recreation Association
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP)
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Brain Injury Association of America*
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Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Falling Forward Foundation*
Lakeshore Foundation
National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics (NAAOP)
National Association of Rehabilitation Providers and Agencies
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
National Athletic Trainers' Association
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
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