

Subject: Please Support Federal Research and Advocacy for Peripheral Neuropathy

Dear Senator/Representative [NAME],

I am your constituent, and I live with peripheral neuropathy. I am writing to ask you to support increased federal attention and research funding for peripheral neuropathy, including continued eligibility for peripheral neuropathy research through the Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP).

For me, neuropathy is much more than pain or numbness. I have lost significant sensation in my hands, feet, and lower legs. It affects my mobility, balance, ability to use my hands, and independence. Things that most people don't think twice about—walking safely, holding objects, opening containers, using my hands, or simply knowing where my feet are—can become difficult or impossible.

And I'm not an isolated case.

Peripheral neuropathy affects millions of Americans and can result from many different causes, including diabetes, chemotherapy, autoimmune conditions, hereditary disorders, and other neurological diseases. For many people, however, we still don't know why it happens or how to stop its progression.

Current treatments often focus on managing symptoms rather than addressing the underlying nerve damage. People living with neuropathy need better answers: better diagnostics, better treatments, and ultimately treatments that can prevent or reverse nerve damage.

That is why federal research funding matters.

I am specifically asking you to:

1. **Support continued eligibility for peripheral neuropathy in the Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP).**
2. **Support increased federal research funding for peripheral neuropathy and peripheral nerve disorders.**
3. **Recognize neuropathy as a significant neurological and public health issue—not simply a symptom of another condition.**

I also hope you will hear directly from people living with neuropathy when considering federal health and research priorities. We are not just statistics. We are people trying to remain independent, work, participate in our communities, and live our lives despite conditions that can fundamentally change how we function.

I would appreciate knowing your position on federal research funding for peripheral neuropathy and whether you would support maintaining peripheral neuropathy eligibility for the PRMRP.

I would also welcome the opportunity to speak with your health policy staff about the lived experience of people with neuropathy and what we need from our federal government.

Thank you for your time and for representing me in Congress.

Sincerely,

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