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Acknowledging the unique and rapid progression of this disease, in 2000 Congress waived the 24-month waiting period for people with ALS to enroll in Medicare, intending that patients receive expedited access to Medicare benefits immediately upon diagnosis. Unfortunately, this benefit is tied to the approval of a patient's application to receive SSDI, which has a mandatory five-month waiting period. This arbitrary waiting period results in unnecessary delays for people with ALS to receive the Medicare or SSDI benefits they have earned when they need it most. The ALS Disability Insurance Access Act would eliminate the five-month waiting period that people with ALS currently endure before receiving SSDI or Medicare benefits once they are qualified by the Social Security Administration.

Please co-sponsor the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act (S. 379) to waive the five-month waiting period for people with ALS to receive SSDI or Medicare benefits. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you at the address I have provided below.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____



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Thank you again for your support of the ALS community by co-sponsoring the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act (S.379).

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