Dear Senator / Representative X:

I am a resident of [TOWN] and an advocate for Rett Syndrome (RTT) because [add family connection].

I am reaching out to you today to respectfully request your support to have Rett syndrome listed as a topic eligible for federal research funding through the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) in the final Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Defense Appropriations bill.

Rett syndrome is a rare, severe, neurological disorder that leads to severe impairments, affecting nearly every aspect of life: ability to speak, walk, eat, and breathe. Many develop scoliosis and severe seizures. There are approximately 16,000 females (it is much rarer in males) in the US living with RTT. They require lifelong care and can live well into adulthood.  There are no approved treatments available for those with Rett syndrome, and there is no cure. Rett syndrome needs federal funding support for the research needed to develop treatments and cure for this disorder. As a constituent and a family member of someone with Rett syndrome, I would appreciate your help.

Ensuring the listing of Rett syndrome as one of the PRMRP topics in the final FY22 Defense Appropriations bill will support peer-reviewed research to develop treatments for the thousands of individuals living with this disease. Moreover, Rett syndrome research may contribute to the understanding of and possible treatments of other synaptic brain disorders, such as Alzheimer's, Autism, Parkinson's, and traumatic brain injury.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information about Rett syndrome and thank you for your attention to this request. We greatly appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

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