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Dear Mr. Kissel,

My name is Geoffrey Hoyt and I am the father of two beautiful children, one who is on the Autism spectrum and the other who has epilepsy. I am a professional fundraiser by trade, yet as a new Individual Giving Officer for the Epilepsy Foundation, I am now a significantly motivated advocate for the good fight.

However, I am not rumpelstiltskin, and I understand that the state of Connecticut was once funding a \$75,000 annual grant to the Epilepsy Foundation of CT; a drop in the bucket relative to the state's massive taxpayer coffers, yet absolutely vital to a hugely important non-profit serving 60,000 people with epilepsy, with only 2 1/2 employees.

We now receive NOTHING and with the utmost respect and in complete earnest, this is a despicable lack of integrity, compassion and reason in the elected body of our otherwise great state. I understand you field scores of requests daily, Mr. Kissel, but this is an issue that commands your fullest respect and attention and to this important end, I am respectfully requesting a meeting with you to discuss how we are going to get that funding restored for next year's budget. Your experience, insights, connections and compassion for this cause will be essential, yet I will gladly do all the legwork necessary to make this happen.

My daughter and tens of thousands like her deserve nothing less than our finest effort and our state's maximum support. And I fully understand budgets; I'm forced to listen to ads everyday now talking about the \$700M sink hole, otherwise known as the bus route to nowhere, that we were forced to swallow under hoy ploy Malloy. For perspective, what I'm asking for \$75,000 (preferably \$100,000), is barely 1% of 1% of that bus load's funding, and it's for services for thousands of YOUR CONSTITUENTS who are suffering from epilepsy.

I am grateful for your timely attention and response in arranging a meeting. I live in Suffield and can meet you at your office in Enfield or in Hartford. Please call me at 860-331-1102 or email me with your earliest availability. In advance, I thank you for joining me in accomplishing a critically important goal for the Epilepsy Foundation and every person impacted by this awful affliction.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey B. Hoyt