Recipient Name

Recipient Street

Recipient City, State, Zip Code

[Date]

Dear [Insert Recipient Title and Last Name],

As your constituent, I urge you to join me in the fight against sepsis, a medical emergency that kills over 258,000 Americans every year; more than prostate cancer, breast cancer, and AIDS, combined. Sepsis is the body’s overwhelming and life-threating response to infection, which can lead to organ failure, amputation, and death.

You can help by recognizing September as [Sepsis Awareness Month](http://www.sepsisawarenessmonth.org/) and work with [YOUR STATE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION] and [Sepsis Alliance](http://www.sepsis.org/), the nation’s leading sepsis advocacy nonprofit legislation to implement protocols in hospitals to save lives from sepsis. An excellent example of successful implementation of protocols is evidenced in [Gabby’s Law in Illinois](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=2403&GAID=13&SessionID=88&LegID=93876) and [Rory’s Regulations in New York](https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/public_health_law/section/405/).

Sepsis is preventable and treatable, and thousands of lives can be saved each year by simply raising awareness of sepsis and its signs and symptoms. Apart from the human cost, sepsis is the #1 cost of hospitalization in the U.S., consuming nearly $24 billion each year.

I am asking you to learn more about sepsis, and help us raise the alarm in [YOUR STATE].

By raising sepsis awareness among the public, you will help parents, friends, and neighbors across communities in [YOUR STATE] recognize the symptoms early in order to seek immediate treatment for loved ones with this life-threatening but treatable condition. Every hour that sepsis goes untreated, the mortality rate increases by 8 percent. We can save thousands of families the devastation of losing a loved one to sepsis, but we need your help.

Putting sepsis on in state-wide spotlight this September will help bring attention to this treatable condition. [YOUR STATE] can take another step to save lives by passing legislation requiring evidence-based sepsis protocols to be in place and monitored at every hospital. Hospital systems that have introduced sepsis protocols have drastically reduced morbidity and mortality rates, as well as readmission rates and healthcare costs.

I urge you to visit Sepsis.org to learn more about sepsis and help save lives in [YOUR STATE].

Thank you for your support and please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

[NAME]

[YOUR CITY]

[EMAIL ADDRESS]

[PHONE NUMBER]