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Honorable Gene DiGirolamo 49 East Wing P.O. Box 202018 Harrisburg, Pa 17120-2018

Dear Representative DiGirolamo and Members of the Human Service Committee:

The Hearing Loss Association of America Pennsylvania State Office (HLAA-PA) supports the passage of HB 2069 to provide permanent funding for SSP (support service providers) services in Pennsylvania.

SSPs are trained to enable deafblind people to function independently by guiding them, providing information about their surroundings, and helping them with informal communications. Without such services, deafblind people would be isolated and unable to participate effectively in the community.

The Center for Independent Living of Central Pennsylvania (CILCP) has an excellent SSP program and needs the funding that would be provided by HB 2069 in order to continue offering its much needed services.

I hope you will obtain the support of your colleagues to ensure the passage of this vital legislation.

Sincerely,

Nancy Kingsley

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