

New Jersey Advocates met with Senator Menendez's office on Oct 20th to advance legislation that will improve access to Medicare and Social Security Disability benefits for folks with HD. Now, we need YOU to let the Senator's office know that you care about Americans with HD and ask him to cosponsor S 868, the HD Parity Act! See below for a sample email you can send to Harshitha Teppala, the staffer advocates met with in Sen. Menendez's office.

SAMPLE LETTER Personalize the areas highlighted in yellow before sending it. Harshitha's email is at the bottom Thank you for helping to advocate so we can get the Parity act passed!

Hi Harshitha, my name is XXX, and I'm from XXX, NJ. Thanks for meeting with my fellow HD advocates on Oct 20, 2021 about S 868, the Huntington's Disease Parity Act. Like my fellow New Jerseyans mentioned, HD is a fatal, genetic neurodegenerative disease, which is like having a diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's, a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease and a diagnosis of ALS, all at the same time. I'm writing to ask that Sen. Menendez cosponsor S 868, join fellow committee member Sen. Stabenow as a cosponsor of this bill and show folks that New Jersey is leading the way to help families impacted by this devastating disease.

I wanted to tell you a little bit about my connection to HD [Does HD impact your family? How many in your family are currently impacted? How many at-risk? How has HD changed your life?]

Again, I'm asking for Sen. Menendez to cosponsor S 868, and commit to helping families like mine that are impacted by Huntington's disease

Send your letter to
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If you have any questions please reach out to [Jennifer Simpson](#) at HDSA. Assistant Director of Youth and Community Services