Dear Representative Find your Rep and Enter Name (i.e. Peter Roskam):

My name is Enter Your Full Name (i.e. Nina Pasha, MD; Nina Pasha, RPSGT) and I am a concerned constituent who has provided care for Enter Number Of Patients You See Annually patients annually for the last Enter No. of Years You have Provided Care years. I am writing to express my support for H.R. 4695, a bipartisan bill that adds a clinically-validated obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) questionnaire to the Welcome to Medicare preventive visit. Further, I respectfully ask that passing this important legislation will be a priority for you in the coming weeks.

OSA is a common disease that affects an estimated 12-18 million untreated adults in the United States. If left untreated, OSA can increase a person’s risk of hypertension, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, and transportation-related accidents. The annual medical cost of untreated moderate-to-severe OSA in middle-aged adults is estimated to be $3.4 billion. However, treating OSA has been shown to reduce the risk of heart attacks by 49%, stroke by 31% and motor vehicle crashes by 52%. Treatment also improves sleep, daytime alertness and concentration, physical energy, and feelings of depression. A trucking industry study found that their screening and treatment OSA program reduced healthcare spending by nearly 50% for each member per month. H.R. 4695 addresses the *cost-saving potential of early diagnoses* of OSA through routine screening and better healthcare outcomes.

The bipartisan legislation introduced by Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX) and Bobby Rush (D-IL) will increase the recognition of this disease and increase patient awareness, while preventative screening and early detection will reduce costs and improve the overall health and quality of life for my future patients. **Therefore, I respectfully ask for your support and consideration for co-authoring this important legislation**.

As you serve Enter Your Place of Residence and surrounding areas, I look forward to working with your office to ensure swift passage of H.R. 4695. Please contact Nina Pasha at npasha@aasmnet.org for further information about the bill.

Sincerely,

Enter Your Full Name

Residence: Enter Your Place of Residence (i.e. Darien, IL)

Professional: Enter Your Institution/Practice/Company (i.e. American Academy of Sleep Medicine)