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[INSERT DATE]

[INSERT NAME/ADDRESS]

Dear [INSERT NAME/TITLE]:

[INSERT RELEVANT PERSONAL INFORMATION – e.g., amputation status, how long you have used a prosthesis, etc. – keep it brief: no more than 1-2 sentences].

I am writing to tell you that the “Graham-Cassidy” Health Care Plan will hurt me and all individuals living with limb loss/difference in the United States. I am therefore asking you to actively oppose this legislation.

While there are several problems with this proposal, the most important one for people like me is the decision to permit states to opt out of providing coverage for essential health benefits. If a state exercises that right under the proposed law and prosthetics are no longer considered an essential health benefit, amputees will suffer in the following ways:

1. Insurers can offer insurance policies that provide no coverage at all for prosthetics.
2. They can sell policies that claim to cover prosthetics but that shift virtually all the costs onto amputees by capping coverage at low annual or lifetime dollar amounts, making coverage illusory as a practical matter.
3. They can charge higher premiums for insurance policies that do offer some degree of prosthetic coverage, placing the cost of quality prosthetic care and treatment outside the reach of people like me.

These potential outcomes from the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Plan are unacceptable. For people like me, this is the single most important vote you will cast during the remainder of your term in the senate. If you support this bill, I will have no choice but to vote for another candidate in the next election.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I sincerely hope that you will vote against the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Plan and instead stand proudly in favor of protecting me and all amputees across the United States.

 Very truly yours,

 [INSERT NAME]