



# BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA

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Dear Chairwoman Rice and Members of the Committee,

The Brain Injury Association of Montana would like to express its support for SB 196, a Bill that would be a small but important step to protect citizens from dangerous products that could result in traumatic brain injury.

The Brain Injury Association of Montana is a statewide non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing resources, education, advocacy, support, resources and referrals for people that have suffered from a brain injury and their families. As Montana has the second highest brain injury rate in the nation, BIAM is also committed to the prevention and reduction of the incidence of brain injury.

The only cure for brain injury is prevention. A result of sustaining a brain injury can result in the onset of life-long disabilities. In addition to the difficult experience a person must go through because of brain injury, there are also enormous emotional and financial burdens that the family and society must bear.

We cannot be at the hearing on Wednesday and would like to submit this written testimony. We ask and would be grateful for your support for SB 196 in the interest of public health and the prevention of serious injury.

Sincerely,

Stacy Rye  
Director