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Madam Chair and Committee members
I am with the Helena Brain Injury Support group
I am Walt Schaeffer from Wheaton
I am here for Montana Advocacy Resource Activity
Montana. After about 5 horrendous
headaches over a period of a year, I had a stroke/Heart attack in 78
on the way from work. I didn't know at
the time what had happened. I went to
the doctor the next morning. He didn't
acknowledge what had happen. I developed
sagging face on the left side and numbness
in the left arm and leg. I couldn't hold
saliva in my mouth or water while
drinking I was super tired and had memory
trouble maintaining work. I tried to
get welfare to supplement my income
but they needed doctor supporting statement
which they weren't willing to do because my
injury was not visible.

my income was reduced and my family became dysfunctional 10 years later I was divorced and still going down hill with the combination of a back injury problems. I get nothing but resistance for help from the state my wife and the general public. In 1999 I got info that I might qualify for SSI and began the process and was accepted for aid & am doing quite well staying within my limitations and I feel the aid was needed sooner. I needed a helping hand.

We need this advocacy program in the hopes that brain injury persons don't have to go through what I did. The doctors need some place to reference brain injury personel.

Thanks You

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