Dear Congresswoman Kathy Castor,

As a blind constituent, I am writing to ask you to support the blind of our nation by opposing “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (H.R. 1)”. Your support in opposing this legislation will aid in maintaining this critical tax deduction for the blind. If this were to pass, beginning in tax year 2018, this bill would repeal the standard deduction for blind people valued at $6,350 for the 2017 tax year. As a blind person who uses this deduction, I ask you to vote “no” when this bill comes up for a vote. Unfortunately, the blind in the United States are historically underemployed and this bill would create an undue hardship for the blind.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [merrys@verizon.net](mailto:merrys@verizon.net) or call me at (813) 625-1850.

Thanking you in advance for opposing “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (H.R. 1)”.

Sincerely,

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