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Dear Senator Kitchell,

I am Robert Lanoue, a resident of Springfield Vermont. I am Chairperson of the State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired and serve on the Board of Directors, Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

But most importantly, I am a blind, elderly Vermonter. It has been brought to my attention that the House Appropriations Committee has approved reinstatement of \$42,000 into the VABVI budget. Now that you are about to make a decision on the future of this funding, I am asking for your support.

Without this funding our growing population of seniors who loose their sight will be denied some vital services that are needed for independent living such as mobility training, adaptive equipment, and day-to-day living within the home. Having lost my sight at age 53, these services have motivated me to an be active Vermonter.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Lanoue
Springfield, Vermont