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February 21, 2025

The Honorable Jay Costa  
Minority Leader  
535 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Vincent Hughes  
Minority Appropriations Chairman  
545 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Costa and Senator Hughes:

I am writing to express my support of funding for the hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs) throughout the state. There are seven state-supported treatment centers in the Commonwealth, including Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, which is in my district.

Pennsylvania was one of the first states to provide annual funding to support the HTCs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has studied outcomes of patients treated at these centers and they demonstrate a 40% reduction in mortality and medical complications in those patients. The overall costs of care are reduced as well.

I am requesting the final 2025-26 budget package:

- Increase the hemophilia line item from \$1,017,000 to \$1,250,000;
- Maintain separation of the rare disease line items; and
- Clarify through the fiscal code that the funding continues to be distributed, as in previous years.

I reiterate that 100% of the money goes directly to patient care, which is why I support this need.

I encourage your consideration on this important matter and appreciate your continued work on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikil Saval".

Nikil Saval  
State Senator  
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