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Dear Friends,

It is my distinct honor to wear the color purple on March 26th in support of epilepsy awareness. Purple Day is a grassroots organization founded in 2008 by a nine-year old Canadian, Cassidy Megan. It is quickly becoming an international initiative signifying awareness about epilepsy.

The Anita Kaufman Foundation (AKF) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public not to fear epilepsy. The AKF has become global partners with the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia in the Purple Day campaign. Since epilepsy affects more than 3 million Americans and 50 million people worldwide, the need for this global partnership was long overdue. Despite these large statistics, epilepsy remains one of the most publicly misunderstood conditions. It is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent seizures – it is not a psychological disorder or disease and is not contagious. Knowledge is power and recognizing Purple Day, will help empower our citizens with the facts about epilepsy.

So on March 26th, I encourage all my legislative colleagues, family and friends to wear purple! By doing so we are all one step closer to raising awareness about epilepsy. And a special thank you goes to Cassidy Megan in Canada who proved that your voice is never too small or too young to make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loretta Weinberg".

Loretta Weinberg
State Senator, District 37