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Dear [Insert name of editor]:

My name is [Your Name] and I am writing to you as a volunteer for Apraxia Kids. May is Apraxia Awareness Month, an opportunity to bring awareness to our community about childhood apraxia of speech (CAS).

Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a motor speech disorder that makes it difficult for children to speak. CAS makes it difficult or impossible for an affected child to plan the movements of the lips, tongue, jaw, etc. that are needed for speech. Children with apraxia of speech predominately have a quality understanding of language - they know what they want to say - but have difficulty learning or performing the complex movements that underlie speech. Apraxia of speech is one of the most severe childhood speech and communication disorders.

I want to bring awareness to our community about this speech problem in children. Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is still unfamiliar, misunderstood, and continues to have a significant impact on children and their families. Speech and communication are critical skills for young children to develop. We need to support children with apraxia of speech and their families. The only proven treatment for CAS is speech therapy, and is quite costly as it extends over many years for these children. Through endless determination and hard work, children affected with CAS continue through their struggles to learn a skill - speaking - that comes effortlessly to other children.

[Insert two or three sentences of how apraxia impacts your child, loved one, or clients]

Learn more about apraxia at www.apraxia-kids.org. Please help us raise awareness for these amazing children!

[Insert your name]

[Insert your address]

[Insert daytime telephone number]