

As a passionate stroke advocate for the American Stroke Association, we would love to have you participate in our STOP Stroke event at the Massachusetts State House on March 31, 2011. This event will help spread the critical message that recognition and timely care of stroke can prevent death and disability. Unfortunately, the Governor removed all funding in his budget for the stroke signs and symptoms campaign so we need your help! We are looking for people like you who will share your story with your legislators about how stroke has affected your life either as a survivor, caregiver or passionate advocate.

The day will begin at 11:00 AM with an Advocacy 101 to help prepare you for your legislative meetings. We will provide a boxed lunch and then you will have the opportunity to meet with your legislators to share your story and express the importance of the STOP Stroke Program funding. Speaking points will be provided as well as a staff person to go on the visits. The day will end by 4:00 PM.

If you are from Central and Western Massachusetts, we will have a bus to transport you to the State House for the event. The bus will pick up participants at our AHA Office, 54C Wayside Ave, West Springfield and in Auburn Park and Ride lot off 1-90 at Exit 10 (where 1-90 meets 290)

**For anyone interested in attending please register by clicking the below link:**

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BYKZY8XXC/>

If you have questions or please call Allyson Perron at 508-935-3943 or email at [allyson.perron@heart.org](mailto:allyson.perron@heart.org). Once we hear from you, we will confirm all the details for your participation! I look forward to seeing you on March 31<sup>st</sup>!

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