

## THE JAPAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

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To:  
The Honourable Astrid Krag, Minister of Health  
The Folketingets Sundhedsudvalg  
Denmark

Dear Minister,

We have heard with great concern that the Epilepsy Hospital in Dianalund is threatened by closure due to reorganizations in the Danish health care system.

The Epilepsy Hospital in Dianalund is one of the best epilepsy centres in the world and its activities have had great impact worldwide on the movements to improve the quality of life of the people with epilepsy, even in the Far East countries including Japan. The treatment and care for the people affected by epilepsy can only be achieved successfully by a comprehensive system organized and coordinated by epilepsy centre(s). Dianalund Epilepsy Centre is the only centre providing comprehensive diagnostics, treatment and care for people with epilepsy in Denmark, and is therefore irreplaceable.

In addition to the central role in the treatment and care for people with epilepsy in Denmark, Dianalund is also an important centre for epilepsy research. There are many research activities involving the collaboration of international institutes and researchers. The Danish Epilepsy Centre has therefore a very important role in coordinating various projects.

In the interest of the people with epilepsy and important research activities in this field, we therefore would like to ask you to kindly take necessary steps to save the existence of the Danish Epilepsy Centre as an irreplaceable epilepsy centre in Denmark and as an important contributor to international epilepsy research.

Yours sincerely,

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