

Testimony to the Public Health Committee regarding *House Bill 6263, An Act Requiring The Administration Of A Screening Test For Cystic Fibrosis To Newborn Infants*

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Senator Harris, Representative Ritter, members of the Public Health Committee:
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak to you today about *House Bill 6263, An Act Requiring The Administration Of A Screening Test For Cystic Fibrosis To Newborn Infants*. It is very important to screen for Cystic Fibrosis in newborns because it will give the child the earliest and best care possible to help minimize future complications giving them a better chance to fight. It will also educate the family on what to expect and allow them to give the best care to their child. Early intervention is extremely important in the fight against this devastating and complicated disease.

We currently work with a woman whose child is affected by this serious condition. We hope that all families will have the benefit of this knowledge upon birth to better prepare for the complications that might arise. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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