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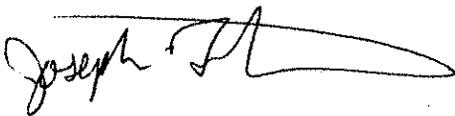
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is sent to urge support of passage of Senate Bill 981. I am an athletic trainer at Wesleyan University in Middletown. My two sons attend(ed) Xavier High School, also in Middletown.

While attending a band concert at Xavier last year, I was involved in saving a heart attack victim. The incident occurred in the gymnasium just prior to the concert. The victim was very lucky as there were several trained medical and paramedical professionals to administer CPR and to call EMS. But perhaps the victim was most lucky because Xavier has AEDs at several locations within the school. One is mounted on the wall next to the Athletic Director's office adjacent to the gymnasium where the band concert was. The first responders were able to access the AED within a minute or two of determining the need for the AED. After administering two shocks to the victim he had a pulse and the EMTs arrived. The victim's family had reason to be hopeful, and those of us who came to his aid were hopeful as well.

The story has a happy ending as the victim was conscious even before he left the school to go to the hospital. I am not sure of other details about medical procedures, treatments, or outcomes regarding the patient long term. I am very happy to know that Xavier High has 7 AEDs at the school. Passage of this bill will help to raise awareness so that other schools that do not currently have AEDs will prioritize their students' health and accessibility to similar equipment as the students at Xavier High School.

Sincerely,



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