

PRO - Raised HB 56 An Act Concerning Pulse Oximetry Screening For Newborn Infants

My name is Lily Gagliardi, and I would like to testify in support of Raised HB 56 An Act Concerning Pulse Oximetry Screening For Newborn Infants. I am a heart disease survivor and underwent heart surgery (catheter ablation procedure) due to a congenital heart condition. I was diagnosed as a teenager after years of struggling from symptoms that were related to an undetected heart condition. I am now a healthy young adult and Founder and C.E.O. of Lily's Kids Inc. A Non-profit Organization for Children. Due to my experience I have dedicated my life to the prevention and awareness of heart disease in children and young adults. I also believe that all children have the right to a healthy start in life and this is the message of the work done by Lily's Kids Inc.

This new screening to detect congenital heart defects in newborn infants has the potential to help others identify their risk of heart disease at an early stage in life. If this test was available when I was born my condition might have been identified much sooner. Adding this test to the existing newborn screening may be beneficial to many families. Thank you very much for taking the time to consider my testimony regarding this issue.

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