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**Public Health Committee
Public Hearing
Wednesday, February 27, 2013
Testimony In Support of,
SB 465, An Act Requiring Newborn Screening For Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD)**

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and Ranking Members Senator Welch and Representative Srinivasan and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Representative Vincent Candelora. I am testifying in support SB 465.

Thank you for bringing the proposed bill forward for a public hearing.

SB 465 calls for the pre-screening of ALD in newborns. Pre-screening for this devastating disease not only is most effective in saving the life of a child, but it is cost effective as well. Newborn screening allows babies with ALD to be identified and treated before they become sick, resulting in cost savings by preventing serious health problems.

Currently screening of newborns has saved or improved the lives of more than 12,000 children.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

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