

Testimony in favor of HB 5303

Written Testimony of Victoria Ross, Westport, CT

I ABSOLUTELY support RHB 5303 (Emergency Medication for Children with Epilepsy)

I am Victoria Ross, my son, Emmett, has suffered from epilepsy since his first birthday. Emmett is now 8. His seizures do not resolve themselves and always require the intervention of his prescribed emergency medication in order to stop a seizure. The idea that this medication (that is always near him) would not be administered in the event of an emergency because the nurse was unavailable, is unfathomable to me.

This bill would enable a non-medical person, who works with a child with epilepsy (para, aid, teacher, etc who has volunteered to be trained to be prepared), in a school environment (school building, playground, field trip, etc.), only in the absence of a nurse, to act in the event of an epileptic seizure emergency by administering the child's prescribed pre-loaded dose of their emergency medication.

Every child who has a prescribed emergency medication has an Emergency Medical Plan. This plan is directed by each child's parents and doctors. These plans are individual to each child.

We know the child has epilepsy, we have a medication that has been prescribed by the individual's doctor. WHY are we currently preventing a child's life to be saved if there is not a nurse available??

These medication's applicators are designed with the knowledge that they are being administered in the case of an emergency. They are designed to be easily and safely administered. They are preloaded to the precise dose for the child that they are prescribed for.

For any child to be without their emergency medication, when they need it, is UNACCEPTABLE period!

Please pass bill RHB 5303 (Emergency Medication for Children with Epilepsy)

Very Sincerely,  
Victoria Ross