

Pamela Deiter Sands in support of HB 5303

For the electronic record I am writing in support of HB 5303 (Emergency Medication for Children with Epilepsy).

My name is Dr. Pamela Deiter-Sands. I am writing on my own behalf and in the name of my sister, Jane Deiter. Jane Deiter died while having a seizure at age 26. Before that night, her life was saved many times by emergency injections. Her life was well-lived, and a force for good. At the time of her death was engaged to be married, she was a leader in the disabilities community in our city, she was very active with Easter Seals, and she was the president of the local chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation. Jane would strongly and enthusiastically support this bill because it allows children with epilepsy to live interesting lives, to take part in adventures and peer activities, to be free to move around the world and to be at times apart from medical providers. Jane lived her life that way and she wanted every child to do so.

This bill is sensible, reasonable, and it simplifies care for children with epilepsy. It also dramatically improves their safety by allowing nearby adults to be trained and ready in case of a seizure emergency. I support this bill whole-heartedly. So would my sister Jane.

Thank you,
Dr. Pamela Deiter-Sands