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Testimony of Janelle Greenlee
IN SUPPORT OF HB 5525 - "AN ACT CONCERNING CYTOMEGALOVIRUS"
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Dear Chairwoman Gerratana, Chairman Ritter, and the distinguished Members of the Public Health Committee,

This letter is in support of HB 5525 - "An Act Concerning Cytomegalovirus".

I serve as the president of Stop CMV, a national non-profit organization, and am also the mother of twins born affected by congenital CMV in 2003. Having worked as a CMV advocate since their birth, I have met with and counseled numerous children and families within your state whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by congenital CMV.

So many times crucial CMV prevention information doesn't make its way to those who need it most—pregnant women at risk of acquiring CMV from the bodily fluids of babies, toddlers, and small children. HB 5525 is an important and necessary step forward for women and children's health and can result in a decrease of CMV infection during pregnancy and, in turn, a decrease in congenital CMV infection in newborns.

I strongly urge your support of HB 5525 and thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

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