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Testimony in Support of

### **SB 684 AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION**

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By Senator Paul Formica

Good Morning Chairman Gerrata and Co-chair Ritter, Ranking Members Sen. Markley and Rep. Srinivasan along with distinguished members of the committee. I am Senator Paul Formica of the 20th District. I am here today to testify in favor of Senate Bill 684 AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION.

In late 2009 my wife died of a massive heart attack. As I attempted to administer CPR, I realized that I really didn't know the correct procedure and was responding based on my assumptions.

Although training in my case, most likely would not have saved Donna - I firmly believe that everyone should be trained to perform this life saving technique.

Heart disease is the number one killer of women: moms, sisters, grandmas, aunts. We debate many critically important issues in this building to make lives better for everyone in our state. What else could be more important than saving a life.

I thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony with you today.

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