

## **HB6580**

Chairman Ritter, Chairman Gerratana and Members of the Public Health Committee,

As a minister who provides spiritual, mental and emotional support for a family impacted by a rare disease, I would ask you to strongly consider supporting bill HB6580, AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES. I see this as a key thread in the tapestry of support that is needed to help those in these most precarious situations. Some problems are so great that they need a dynamic network that attacks the problem from every possible angle. This bill has the potential to start an avalanche of support to address obstacles like: the need for education, the need of affordable medical care, the need to tackle insurance issues, and the ability to locate appropriate medical care. Thank you in advance for giving this bill every consideration and I hope you are persuaded that this proposed committee is more than worthwhile!

Sincerely,

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