

Testimony of Kelly Curry from Bristol on HB 5460 an Act Concerning the Administration of Glucagon in Schools.

Chairman Gerratana, Chairman Ritter, Members of the Public Health Committee, for the record my name is Kelly Curry and I am writing to testify on H.B. No. 5460 (Raised) An Act Concerning the Administration of Glucagon in Schools.

I support the bill to remove the word “volunteer” from former legislation. In the nurses absence it needs to be mandated to have a trained individual or individuals to administer the Glucagon injection.

Our daughter, Kristine, was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes November of 2013. Her life may depend on this injection at some point during her school years. Diabetes is not a “Black and White” disease, blood glucose numbers can go from one extreme to the next. There are many highs as well as many lows and it is very dangerous to diabetic children *not* to have a mandated plan in place. We, as well as other parents out there, are not willing to lose our children because a School District and/or Health Department can’t find a “volunteer”!

We feel the School Districts and/or Health Departments need to *not* ask for volunteers, but to be mandated to appoint an individual or multiples thereof for the training of the administering of the Glucagon Injection should the need arise. We feel the more individuals that know how to administer this injection the safer a student will be. This could help to cover a student during lockdowns and other functions where a Nurse or the one trained individual could not get to that student.

We were told point blank, by our district Nursing Supervisor in a meeting at the school that our daughter can be lying on the floor dying in need of the Glucagon shot and if there was no volunteer in the nurse’s absence, there was nothing “they” could do! So they would prefer to allow our daughter to die than to find someone to treat her. This mandate has to pass legislation to prevent any child in any district from having to face this scenario.

This is a lifesaving injection that should not be taken lightly! Time is of the essence to prevent catastrophic damage to that student and avoid prolonged health issues, if not death.

Kind Regards,

The Curry’s

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